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| TITLE CHANGED: [redacted] [redacted] | [redacted] aka.; aka. -- FUGITIVE. aka... [redacted] | | CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - b6 |
| SYNOPSIS OF EXTRADITION SHUBOW, aka. | FUGITIVE; aka., [redacted] JACOB LOUIS | | CONSPIRACY; ACCOUNTING b7C INVESTIGATION |

The title of this case has been marked "Changed" to show the correct name of [redacted] previously shown as [redacted] to show the additional aliases of Subject [redacted] as [redacted] and [redacted] and to show the full name of [redacted] previously carried as [redacted] and to add as one of her aliases [redacted].

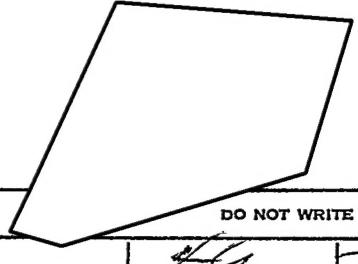
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Report of SA [redacted] dated December 3, 1958, at Milwaukee.
Report of SA(A) GEORGE P. SIMPSON dated December 5, 1958, at Albany.
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At Chicago, Illinois:

1. Per Detroit airtel dated November 22, 1958, will locate and interview [redacted] Truck Driver, believed to reside at [redacted] for any information he can furnish in this matter.

2. Determine to whom [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will expedite investigation directed toward establishing that merchandise was obtained through fraud by Scanlon's.

2. Will determine significance of [redacted]

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DETROIT

At Detroit, Michigan:

1. Will complete the investigation of JESS BERON. His attorney, [redacted] has advised that [redacted] and BERON is, therefore, not available for interview at the present time.

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2. Will reinterview ANTHONY THOMAS.

3. Will interview THOMAS' employer, SAM FINAZZO.

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4. Will interview [redacted] also employed by FINAZZO.

[redacted] 5. Will interview [redacted] FINAZZO's [redacted]

6. Will interview [redacted] Bell Novelty Co., an associate of [redacted] relative to his ordering merchandise for Scanlon's.

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[redacted] 7. Will interview [redacted] who was at the Pollard Warehouse on October 27, 1958.

8. Will complete the review of books and records of Rich-Mor Sales and report pertinent information regarding Scanlon merchandise recorded therein.

9. Will ascertain if ROBERT POYNE is known at the Dano Vlaz Service Station, Belleville, Michigan. POYNE has been identified as a truck driver employed by Scanlon's. Will attempt to locate and interview POYNE.

10. Will follow and report prosecutive action against Subjects [redacted] and [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The SAM FINAZZO mentioned in the details of referenced report is the Subject of case entitled "SAMUEL SALVATORE FINAZZO, was." Anti-Racketeering, DE 92-232, Bufile 92-3306. Investigation in the FINAZZO case has disclosed the following: FINAZZO (Detroit Top Hoodlum) is briefly described as: white; male; born November 14, 1907 in Partinico, Sicily, Italy; obtained U.S. derivative citizenship through naturalization of his father; residence - 2502 Newport, Detroit, telephone VA 2-3324; owner of Rex Bargain Store, 11747 East Jefferson, Detroit. telephone VA 1-9599.

[REDACTED] FINAZZO usually drives a 1958 De Soto four door sedan, gray and ivory in color, bearing 1958 Michigan license DM 6137 which is assigned to [REDACTED] a Detroit automobile dealer, 3000 Fenkell, Detroit. His closest associates at his place of business appear to be: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], and ANTHONY "TONY" THOMAS, wa. "Little Shrieky" (Detroit Police Department Number 43545). [REDACTED] and ANTHONY THOMAS, [REDACTED] should be considered ARMED AND DANGEROUS. FINAZZO, an ex-amateur prize-fighter, has been described in the past as a gambler, bootlegger, bookmaker, numbers pickup man, operator of handbooks and gambling games and strong arm man for the Detroit Italian hoodlum element. In 1955 he and [REDACTED] were reportedly lieutenants of "Papa John" PRIZIOLA (Detroit Top Hoodlum). Recent information received concerning FINAZZO is that he is in the numbers business and is a money collector for the "Syndicate." IN VIEW OF PRIOR ARRESTS ON CHARGES OF ROBBERY ARMED AND MURDER, FINAZZO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, Detroit
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Report of: SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER Office: Detroit

Date: December 22, 1958

File Number: DE 49-1185; BU 49-14193

Title:

FUGITIVE;

- FUGITIVE;

JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW

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Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPCY ACT; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; ACCOUNTING
INVESTIGATION

Synopsis:

[redacted] in signed statement. [redacted]

[redacted] merchandise trucked to Detroit, Michigan, from Scanlon's, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] was told to take orders from JACK SHUBOW of Rich-Mor Sales. Agents located merchandise in double store and in warehouse on October 25, 1958, which was recovered by Receiver in bankruptcy. ANTHONY THOMAS, who loaded merchandise from warehouse at time of recovery, stated he was purchasing merchandise through JACK SHUBOW and a man named JESS at 35% of cost. JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW interviewed 10/27, 29, 30 and 31, 1958, and stated [redacted] called him from Milwaukee 9/15 or 16/58 and asked if SHUBOW wanted to buy merchandise at a wholesale price or could obtain buyers for 5% commission. SHUBOW assisted [redacted] in obtaining warehouse and sold \$16,000.00 in merchandise at 60% to 70% of cost to four buyers. SHUBOW referred [redacted] and [redacted] to JESS BERON at Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to sell merchandise in one lump. JESS BERON interviewed 10/29 and 30, 1958, and furnished conflicting information and interview not completed. Additional merchandise located in Love Brothers Warehouse on 10/28/58, stored there by ANTHONY THOMAS.

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[redacted] and [redacted] employed by [redacted] interviewed. Subject [redacted] determined to be en route to Los Angeles on 11/7/58. AUSA, Detroit, Michigan, authorized prosecution of [redacted] and [redacted] for violation of Section 2315, Title 18, USC. Complaints filed and warrants issued 11/13/58. Merchandise recovered at Detroit, sold by Receiver, estimated to have cost \$118,000.00, and retail value of \$236,000.00. Subjects [redacted] and [redacted] reported to USDG, Detroit, arraigned before USDJ on 12/8/58, stood mute, examination extended to 12/22/58, and released on "\$1,500.00 cash bond each. [redacted] and [redacted] refused to be interviewed. CAUTION. AND [redacted] HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. PISTOLS AND SHOT GUN WERE INCLUDED IN MERCHANDISE RECOVERED AT DETROIT.

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On October 18, 1958, the Chicago Division advised the following:

Scanlon TV Center, 8104 National, West Allis, Wisconsin, and Scanlon Radio and Music, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, were filed as involuntary bankrupt by three creditors on October 10, 1958. Creditors being suspicious of this company's activities, hired private detectives to follow various trucks which were leaving these companies and going out of state.

RUSHUS WILLIAMS, also known as BOB WILLIAMS, advised he hauled loads from West Allis, Wisconsin, to Detroit, arriving at about 7:00 a.m. October 10 and 11, 1958. WILLIAMS advised he was met at Route 12 on Livernois Avenue, Detroit, by an individual driving a metallic green Mercury, about a 1946 model. WILLIAMS stated he then followed the Mercury to the end of the expressway and turned left and travelled irregular routes a distance of four to six miles to a Shell Service Station where he backed up to a brown Fruehauf Trailer into which the merchandise was transferred. WILLIAMS stated the Shell Service Station address was unknown, but it is located on a corner, and a lot adjacent to this station were parked between eight and twelve semi-trailers. He advised that kitty-corner from the station was a large factory-type building, and one of the other corners was occupied by a large building. The remaining corner was vacant. WILLIAMS advised he had no record regarding the loads transported to Detroit.

On October 21, 1958, [redacted] National Representative, Shell Oil Company, Detroit, Michigan, advised he knows of no Shell Service Station in Detroit which would fit the description that RUSHUS WILLIAMS furnished. He said from the description of the route WILLIAMS furnished, the Shell Service Station could be located on the northeast, northwest, southeast sections of Detroit, depending on the interchange taken from the expressway (Route 12).

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On October 25, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that there are two [redacted]

She stated [redacted] the father, has been employed at [redacted] for many years and drives a [redacted]
[redacted] She stated [redacted] the son, who is known as [redacted] drives a [redacted] and is approximately [redacted] to [redacted] years of age.

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On October 25, 1958, [redacted] Clerk, Identification Bureau, Dearborn Police Department, advised her records contain nothing identifiable with [redacted] of [redacted] Michigan.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185) DATE: December 18, 1958
FROM: SA(A) [REDACTED] Date Dictated: 12/17/58
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka;
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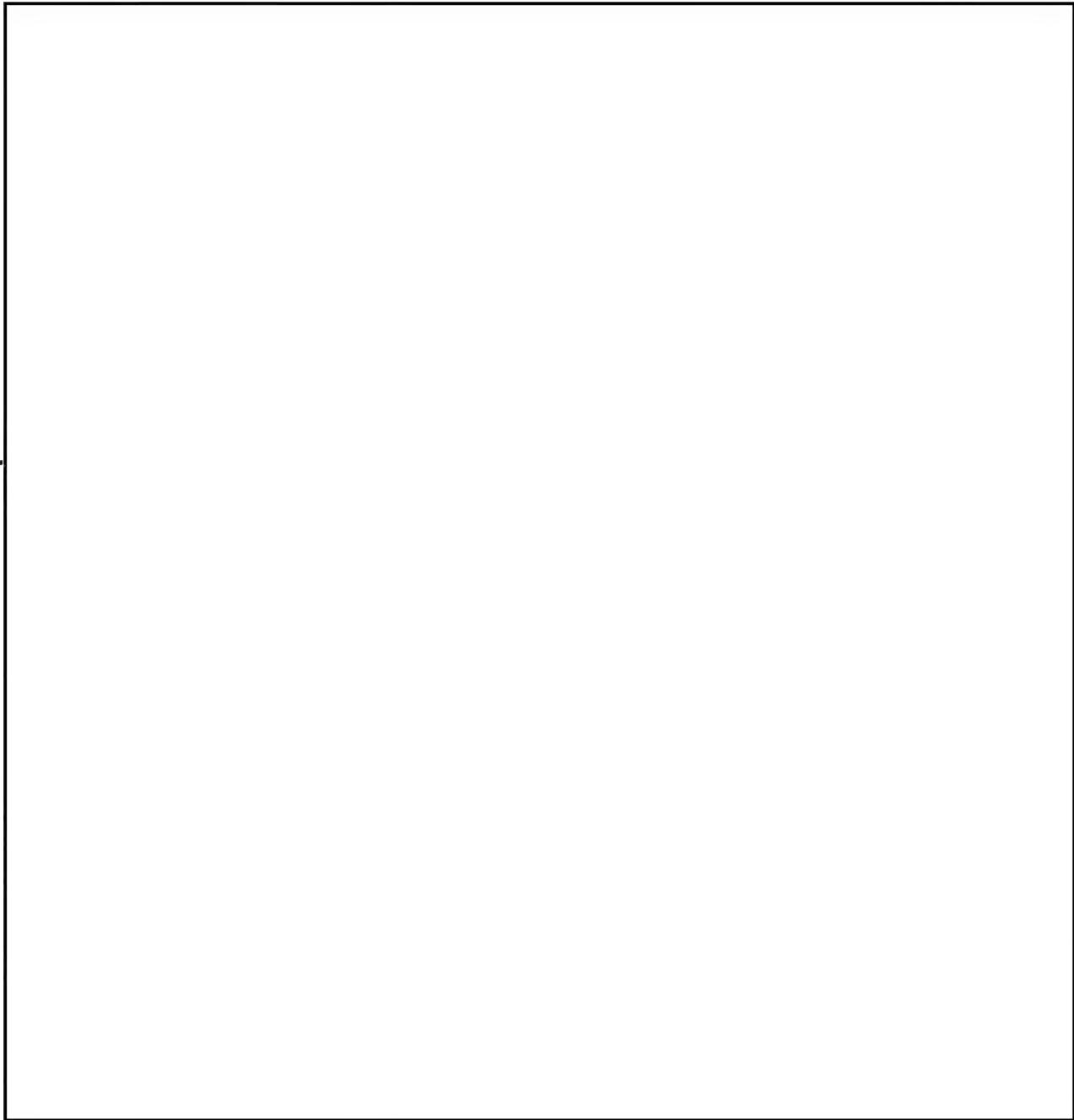
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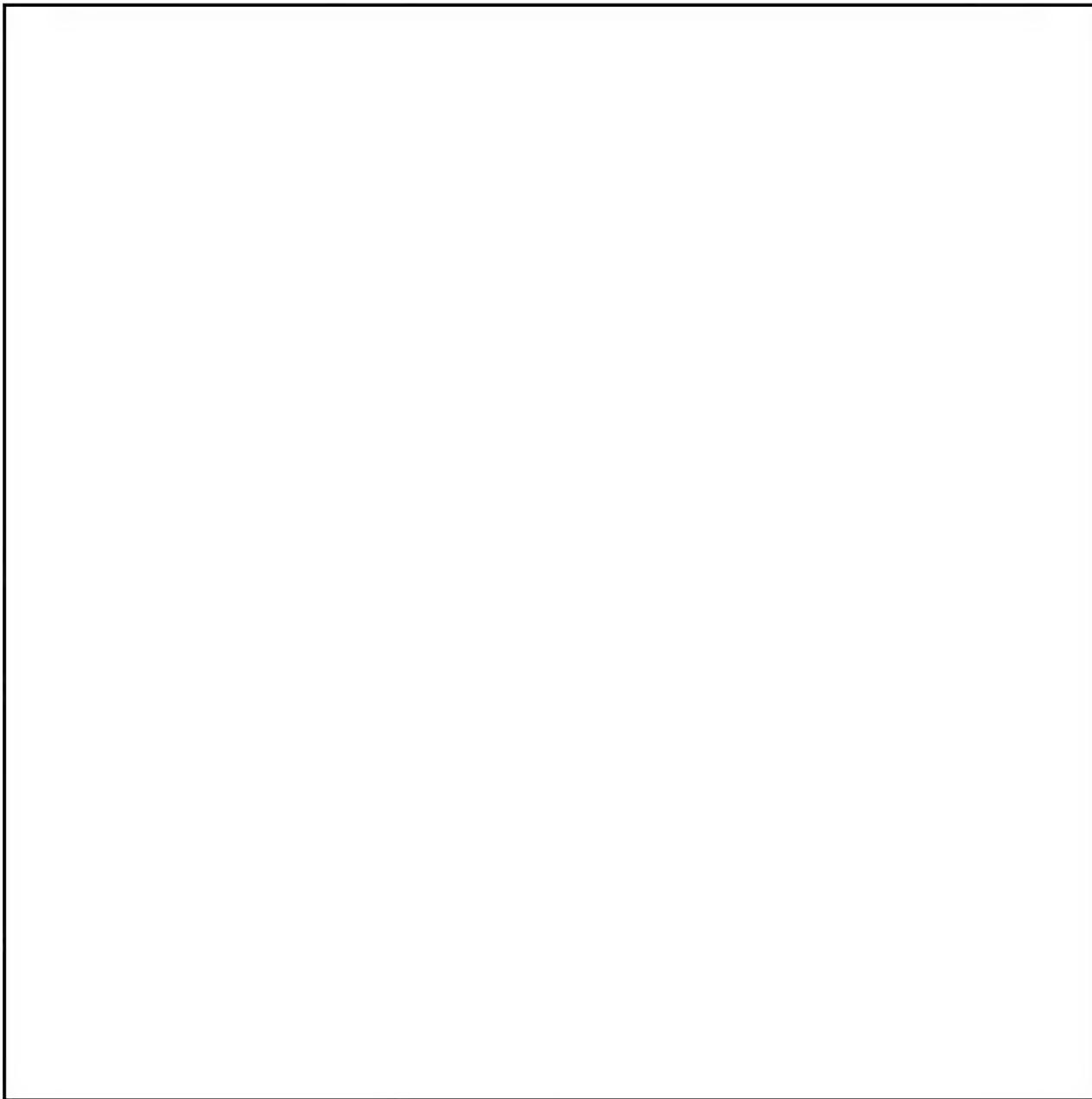
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INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 25, 1958

[redacted] of the Pallister Motel, 7641 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, telephone number TR 3-6300, advised his records reflect that on September 17, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] registered in the Pallister Motel and listed the license plate number of the automobile they were driving as a Wisconsin plate number [redacted] with two letters in front of the number illegible, and their address as [redacted] Wisconsin. Mr. [redacted] stated his records reflect they signed out September 21, 1958, and during their stay they were assigned Room 202, and the following telephone calls were made from Room 202 during this period:

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September 17, 1958 - local calls

September 18, 1958 - local calls

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Chicago call

September 19, 1958 - local calls

September 21, 1958 - local calls

Mr. [redacted] stated he could not personally recall this party at this time and advised he would immediately call the FBI if a party by this name again registered in the Pallister Motel.

Interview with [redacted] File # DE 49-1185on 10/24/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 10/28/58by Special Agent (A) [redacted] /SLZb6
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

Date: November 12, 1958

FROM : SA(A) [redacted]

Dictated: November 10, 1958

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;

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On October 25, 1958, SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER located two vacant stores at 14442 and 14448 Grand River Avenue approximately one block north of the intersection of Schoolcraft and Grand River, Detroit, and observed through the windows in the stores cartons exhibiting the label Scanlon's Radio and Music, 707 West Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The address 14442 Grand River Avenue bore the name of Beverly Furniture and Appliance. The address 14448 Grand River Avenue bore the name Shepherds Imported Gift Wares.

SA(A)s [redacted] and FUSELIER then proceeded to 14300 Prairie, Detroit, and found a large fenced in area bearing the name B. J. Pollard, Inc. At this address was noted an office building, and a Tool and Die Shop and several large warehouses. From this address it was determined that B. J. Pollard, Inc. operates a business of supplying asphalt and cinders. Permission was obtained from Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] to look in the windows of a large warehouse located in the northwest section of his yard. This warehouse, which is approximately 290 feet long and 50 feet wide, contained a great quantity of merchandise exhibiting labels of Scanlon's Radio and Music, 707 West Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was estimated that this warehouse contained about seventy per cent of its capacity with the above mentioned merchandise.

Mr. [redacted] B. J. Pollard, Inc., accompanied SAs [redacted] and FUSELIER in viewing merchandise located in this warehouse.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 17, 1958

[redacted] Michigan. (telephone [redacted]) advised SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER on October 25, 1958, that he was the owner of a [redacted]. [redacted] He said he had been contacted by telephone by an unknown man in late September, 1958. [redacted] said this man had asked him if he wanted to unload a truck. [redacted] said he had agreed to work for \$1.00 per hour beginning about October 1, 1958, and had worked until about October 15, 1958. He said that during this period he had unloaded about 7 truckloads at an empty store, with soaped windows, on Grand River Avenue near Schoolcraft. He also said that he had unloaded about 3 truckloads of merchandise at a warehouse located at the end of Prairie Street near Lyndon Avenue.

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[redacted] said that some of the truck drivers had picked him up at his house and that he had met one or two of the drivers at the intersection of Grand River and Livernois and he had met some of the trucks at the store or warehouse.

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[redacted] stated that he was usually paid by an unknown white male, whom he described as about [redacted] years old, delicate features, [redacted] hair, old fashioned eyeglasses and spoke with [redacted]. [redacted] further advised that on a couple of occasions he had contacted someone at Rich-Mor Sales on Linwood Street who had paid him and given him money to pay the truck drivers.

[redacted] said that a few of the truck drivers had called him at his home a few hours before their arrival, however, he denied that he had made or received any telephone calls to or from Milwaukee in connection with his employment.

[redacted] requested that this interview be terminated and agreed to appear at the Detroit Office to continue the interview on Monday, October 27, 1958.

[redacted] stated at no time did he ever unload any truck at a Shell Service Station.

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on 10/25, 27-29/58 at [redacted] Michigan Date dictated 11/17/58

by Special Agents JOHN D. FUSELIER; [redacted]; :baj

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[redacted] was reinterviewed by SA(A) [redacted]
and SA FUSELIER on October 27, 1958; and by SA [redacted] and
SA(A) JOHN P. MURPHY on October 28 and 29, 1958.

He furnished the following signed statement on
October 29, 1958.

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"October 29, 1958
Detroit, Michigan

"I [redacted] hereby make the following
free and voluntary statement to [redacted]
and John P. Murphy who have identified them-
selves to me as Special Agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. No threats nor
promise of reward have been made to me in
order to induce me to make this statement,
and I realize I do not have to make any
statement. I also realize that any state-
ment I make may be used against me in a
court of law. I have been told that I have
a right to consult an attorney.

"I was born on [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] and now reside at [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] and
spoke to [redacted] Sara Burt who is [redacted]
[redacted] talked to [redacted] about
hunting boys to help unload trucks and [redacted]
[redacted] told me about it. Then [redacted]
called me and asked me if I would help unload
trucks for \$1.00 per hour. I told her I was
presently out of work and could use any
work at all. I told her I did not have a
car so she, [redacted] came to my house early
the following morning. I believe this was
October 3, 1958. [redacted] drove me in her
[redacted] to a place on Grand River. I
believe the addresses are 14442 and 14448.

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"There was a trailer truck parked to the rear of these addresses which were large empty stores. I recall that one store had some merchandise in it. A truck driver and two negro helpers named [redacted] and a [redacted] (or [redacted]) were at the Grand River stores. [redacted] was there also and a man who was called [redacted]

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"I have been shown photos and have positively identified the two men who I knew as [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]

"I have been told that [redacted] is in fact one [redacted] and that [redacted] is in fact [redacted]

"We proceeded to unload the trailer, and I recall that in stacking cartons, I asked where to put the Scanlon merchandise. [redacted] told me that 'Scanlon was us', by which I believed he and [redacted] were in the business. After we finished unloading this truck [redacted] or [redacted] paid off everyone but me. Then [redacted] or [redacted] paid me and in addition gave me money to pay the helpers and truck-driver the next day.

"On the second or third day [redacted] paid me \$50 to pay the helpers. [redacted] and [redacted] asked me if I would like to be in charge of unloading trucks and that, if I would, I would be paid \$65 per week. I agreed and then started getting the money to pay the helpers and my own salary from a Ludwig at Rich Mor Sales on Linwood near Davison in Detroit. I would call Rich Mor and tell Ludwig how much money I needed and then I would go to the Rich Mor office and get the money. Once in a while Ludwig brought the money over. I always signed receipts for the cash given me by Ludwig.

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[redacted] or [redacted] told me to take orders from Ludwig or Jack Shubow of Rich Mor Sales.

"I recall that one time Ludwig gave me three \$100 bills while at the Rich Mor Sales office, and I complained that I could not change these large bills so Jack Shubow who was sitting in the office changed the money and broke it down into smaller bills for me.

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"When the driver brought in a load of merchandise, he usually would turn over the invoices to me in a large yellow envelope. Except for the first day I never checked the invoices or inventoried any merchandise. I always turned over the invoices to Ludwig. The envelope bore a number on it. Twenty one was on the first envelope and a number 42 was on the last envelope.

"It usually took 3 to 5 hours to unload a truck, and I think 4 truckloads went into the Grand River stores. After these stores were full, I recall that I got the address of Pollard's warehouse from a telephone call made by [redacted] or [redacted] from Milwaukee. I started going to the Pollard warehouse about the first week of October, 1958 and-unloaded about fifteen trucks at that address.

"I received many telephone calls from [redacted] or [redacted] in Milwaukee instructing me about meeting truck drivers or when to help unload. The two telephone numbers I called at Milwaukee if I needed instructions were [redacted] or [redacted]. I recall that one time when I called one of these numbers, [redacted] spoke to me and mentioned that she was sorry about hearing of my grandmother's death.

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"I recall that [redacted] was driving a white,
1955 - 1957, two door hardtop [redacted] the
time I saw him.

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"When all the trucks were unloaded, [redacted]
[redacted] called me at home and told me to
come to the Rich Mor Sales office to get all
my pay. I went to the Rich Mor office on
October 17, 1958; met [redacted] there; and he
gave me \$65 for a week's pay and a \$100 bonus.

"I would like to add that I took this job
thinking that it would only be the unloading
of one trailer load. I was never told and
not aware that this merchandise was stolen
or illegally obtained by anyone. I took
this work because I was unemployed and needed
work. I do not feel that I violated any law
and If I did anything wrong it was unintentional.

"I have read this handwritten statement con-
sisting of this and five other pages. I have
initialled each correction and each page. This
statement is true and correct to the best of
my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,
Detroit, 10/29/58

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"Witness:

"/s/ John P. Murphy, Special Agent, Federal
Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, 10/29/58."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 18, 1958

[redacted] B. J. Pollard, Inc.,
14300 Prairie, Detroit, Michigan, advised that Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] had rented an empty warehouse
to a [redacted] on or about September 25, 1958. [redacted]
said that he had never seen [redacted] and that he did not
have an address for him. He said that a fellow named
LUDWIG (LNU), telephone number [redacted] had paid
[redacted] for part of the rental and LUDWIG had said that
he was handling the matter for [redacted]

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[redacted] accompanied SA(A) [redacted]
and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER to the warehouse and admitted
them through an unlocked sliding door. Agents observed
that this warehouse, which is 290 feet long and 40 feet
wide, was about 2/3 full of boxed merchandise. All boxes,
which were spot checked, bear labels or written addresses
as "Scanlon's Radio and Music, 707 East Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin".

[redacted] advised that this merchandise had been
placed in this warehouse beginning about the first week
in October until about October 16, 1958. He further ad-
vised that 2 or 3 days earlier, i.e., about October 22
and 23, 1958, someone had started moving this merchandise
out of the warehouse and he estimated that 6 or 7 truck
loads had been taken out.

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by Special Agent (A) [redacted] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER:baj

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 5, 1958

Mr. [redacted] 14300 Prairie, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was at his firm on October 23 and 24, 1958, which is located at the east end of warehouses operated by the B. J. Pollard Company.

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[redacted] related that while he was not sure of the date, he believes that on October 23, 1958, several truck loads of merchandise were taken from the west end of the warehouse at 14300 Prairie and during the course of the removal of these goods he noticed an individual driving a 1946 black Ford with whom he had a slight acquaintancoship in the past inasmuch as this individual had attended [redacted] in Detroit with [redacted]. He stated that he did not know the individual's name, however, he recalled that he had quit [redacted] while quite young and had spent a great deal of time at a drug store immediately adjacent to the high school. This individual whom he describes as about [redacted] years of age, white, male, dark complexion, had his car loaded with various appliances and as he passed [redacted] driving out of the warehouse lot had leaned out and had called him by his first name.

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[redacted] related that immediately behind the black 1946 Ford was a white Lincoln Mark III driven by another individual whom he could not identify or describe. [redacted] stated that he had noticed this Lincoln at the warehouse on several occasions during this week.

[redacted] related that to the best of his memory he recalls at least 5 to 7 truck loads being transported from the warehouse on Thursday and Friday, October 23 and 24, 1958, and noted that some of these truck loads consisted of large appliances; refrigerators, stoves and hi-fi sets.

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by Special Agent (A) [redacted] and SA (A) [redacted] baj

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On one of these occasions, he noted that as the trucks left the warehouse lot, more or less in convoy, there was a black DeSoto or a dark colored DeSoto parked in an alley facing out near Linwood and Davison which fell in behind the trucks as they passed the alley. At this time [redacted] was in his own automobile, a [redacted]
[redacted] and he happened to leave the lot shortly after the trucks.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate December 8, 1958

[redacted], 14300
Prairie, Detroit, Michigan, was shown photographs of the following persons to determine if he could identify any of those persons as having visited the warehouse immediately west of his shop, in the same building, wherein the Scanlon merchandise was stored:

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JACK SHUBOW,
JESS BERON.

[redacted]

ANTHONY THOMAS,
SAMUEL FINAZZO.

[redacted]

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[redacted] picked out the photograph of JESS BERON and stated that he was positive he had seen that person driving a 1958 white Lincoln Mark III in the warehouse yard on Thursday, October 23, 1958. He further advised that he had seen the same car in the warehouse yard three or four times during the four to six days immediately prior to October 23, 1958, however he was not sure that BERON was in the car on the other occasions as he had not obtained a good look at the driver of that car.

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[redacted] also picked out the photograph of ANTHONY THOMAS and stated that he was positive that that person was at the warehouse, loading merchandise, on October 23, 1958. He said that he was positive of this because his car had stalled in the yard and THOMAS had come over to him and

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on 10/31/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/7/58

by Special Agent (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER:baj

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asked him what he was doing in the yard. [redacted] said that THOMAS' manner of speech and tone of voice angered him and he had taken a good look at him. He also said that JESS BERON (identified by photograph) was in the yard at the time of this incident.

[redacted] [redacted] also picked out the photograph of [redacted] and said that this could be the man he had seen, driving a white 1956 or 1957 Cadillac, who was in the yard several times around October 23, 1958.

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[redacted] also picked out the photograph of SAMUEL FINAZZO and said that this could be the man he had seen in a brown and grey 1958 DeSoto on October 23 and 24, 1958. He said that this was the car he had previously advised was parked in an alley near Linwood and Davison Streets, which car fell in behind ANTHONY THOMAS' truck when he was hauling out merchandise.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

DATE: November 13, 1958

Date Dictated: 11/1/58

FROM: SA(A)

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka - FUGITIVE;

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On the morning of October 26, 1958, photographs were taken of the boxes of merchandise, bearing the name of Scanlon's Radio & Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on them. The boxes of merchandise were located in the warehouse of B. J. Pollard, Inc., 14300 Prairie, Detroit, Michigan. The warehouse is a long narrow building, running east and west with entrances on the south wall of the building. The space (approximately 290 feet by 50 feet) wherein the merchandise was stored is at the west end of the building. This space is divided into two rooms by a cinder block firewall across the width of the building and approximately 50 feet from the east end of the space.

The warehouse roof is supported by steel "I" beams or poles running from the floor to the roof, spaced in pairs, in the middle of the warehouse, along the length of the warehouse. These beams are spaced in pairs (each member of the pair about 7 feet apart, forming a center aisle) about 10 feet apart.

The photographs are not of each and every box of merchandise but generally show the volume of the merchandise in the warehouse. Some of the photographs contain close-up views of some boxes of merchandise on which can be read the Scanlon name as well as the manufacturer's name in some instances.

A surveillance was maintained at this warehouse on October 26, 1958, and nothing of value was noted.

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[redacted] 14503 Prairie, [redacted]
 B. J. Pollard Company, a warehousing concern, advised that the initial contact in renting his warehouse for the goods which had labels marked Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, was made by telephone by a person named [redacted] who was reported to be a [redacted] on Livernois Avenue, Detroit. [redacted] said that [redacted] had told him that someone had contacted him seeking warehouse space and that [redacted] had referred this person to [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that during the telephone conversation, [redacted] appeared to be evasive about giving names and for that reason, he, [redacted] went to see [redacted] at Bert Baker's Car Lot; however, [redacted] seemed very vague about who he was helping to secure or rent warehouse space.

[redacted] stated that final arrangements to rent his warehouse were made by a person who claimed he represented a Peerless Distributing Company with address on Linwood Avenue in Detroit. [redacted] advised that he later went to this place and noticed that the sign outside read Rich-Mor Sales Company. [redacted] said he did not have very much to do with talking to or collecting rent payments from the persons renting the warehouse but that he did recall from discussions with his wife that the rent had been paid in the amount of \$400 cash in the form of three \$100 bills. [redacted] at this time furnished the rent receipt for the warehouse space which was made out in the name of one [redacted] and [redacted] stated that his wife had marked down on the reverse side of this rent receipt the serial numbers of the bills which were used to pay the rent.

[redacted] stated he could not be absolutely positive of the dates the telephone contacts were made in renting this space; however, he advised that to the best of his knowledge his office had been called on September 24, 1958, but he had not been in and the party advised that they would call back.

[redacted] stated that on September 25, 1958, he received a telephone call again from unidentified people, at which time arrangements were made to rent part of the warehouse building until Christmas with an option to retain the remainder

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of the building after that time. [redacted] stated he advised this person that he wanted one month's rent in escrow and that this person pleaded cash hardship and said that he would make payments later. [redacted] stated that according to his records the rent for the warehouse commenced for October 1, 1958; however, he had given the person renting permission to move his goods in a few days prior to that time.

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[redacted] advised that he did not actually meet or see any of the people who had anything to do with renting or the handling of merchandise in and out of the warehouse and that his [redacted] would have handled all contacts and should have the names of the parties who rented space.

[redacted] said that he did not see the make of automobile driven by any persons looking at the warehouse; however, he recalled that someone came in just about every day and looked the warehouse space over.

[redacted] stated that to his knowledge, this person drove a [redacted] also stated that he noticed that every morning at 8:30 AM, two employees, white males, of the people who rented warehouse space, came into the warehouse; were driving a yellow stake truck with a lift gate on the back and a long body; and that they proceeded to load up this truck every day with merchandise and drive out. [redacted] stated that once in awhile a van came into the warehouse, which van bore no markings, but that he did not know whether this van was used to bring in or take out merchandise. [redacted] stated that he also recalled that a young white male named [redacted] who appeared to be in his [redacted] seemed to be in charge loading and unloading trucks.

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He further stated that he had seen several Negro employees loading trucks, but he was of the opinion that they were strictly part time help for loading and unloading.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 18, 1958

[redacted] advised that he had been [redacted] in the Scanlon Radio and Music Firm, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that he was in Detroit, Michigan, to recover assets of that firm located at Detroit. [redacted] was accompanied to the B. J. Pollard, Inc., Warehouse, 14300 Prairie Street.

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Upon arrival, it was observed that a large tractor trailer truck was being loaded from the warehouse by 6 men. The following printed sign appeared on the van of this truck, "Valley Platers Zinc Die Casting and Chrome Plating, Valley Platers, Inc., Detroit". The tractor, a 1957 Ford, F-750, had a 1958 Michigan license number [redacted] and the trailer had 1958 Michigan license number [redacted]

[redacted] inquired as to who was in charge of loading this truck and ANTHONY THOMAS replied that he was. THOMAS stated that he was in the salvage business and gave his address as 11717 East Jefferson Street, Detroit. THOMAS advised [redacted] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER that he had purchased some of the merchandise for somebody else and had paid a \$5,000.00 downpayment, with the option to buy all of the merchandise at 35¢ on the dollar.

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[redacted] advised THOMAS that the merchandise was, as of that moment, in the control of the Federal Bankruptcy Court and directed THOMAS to return the partially loaded truck to the warehouse. THOMAS stated that he had a receipt for his downpayment and that he had not previously removed any merchandise from the warehouse.

[redacted] was also accompanied to 14448 Grand River where he placed signs on the building indicating that the contents therein were under the control of the Federal Bankruptcy Court.

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[redacted] advised later that day that he had been
[redacted] in Detroit by United States
District Judge THEODORE LEVIN and that [redacted]
had been appointed as his attorney to represent him in
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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

DATE: November 13, 1958

FROM: SA(A) [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: 11/1/58

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka - FUGITIVE;

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On October 27, 1958, automobiles bearing the following 1958 Michigan license plate numbers were observed entering and leaving the yard of B. J. Pollard, Inc., 14300 Prairie, Detroit, Michigan.

Through records and information furnished by Mr. [REDACTED] Investigator, Michigan Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, it was determined that the license plates were issued to the individuals or firms indicated:

1958 Michigan
License No.

Individual or Firm

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DM 6137

Leo Adler, Inc., 3000 Fenkell,
Detroit, Michigan, for a 1958
De Soto Sedan, Motor No.
LS 2-3931

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[REDACTED]

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It should be noted that SA DOUGLAS W. HIBBE has previously ascertained through personal observation that the above-mentioned 1958 De Soto sedan, Michigan license number DM 6137, is usually driven by SAMUEL SALVATORE FINAZZO.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

DATE: November 18, 1958

FROM: SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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On October 27, 1958, when SA(A) [REDACTED] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER arrived at the B. J. Pollard, Inc., Warehouse, 14300 Prairie Street, Detroit, Michigan, they observed a large tractor and trailer being loaded by 6 men. The tractor was a 1957 Ford, Model F-750, 1958 Michigan license number 7088-CE. The trailer had the following sign printed on the sides, "Valley Platers Zinc Die Casting and Chrome Plating, Valley Platers, Inc., Detroit", and had 1958 Michigan license 316-278.

ANTHONY THOMAS identified himself as being in charge of loading operations and gave his home address as 11747 East Jefferson Street, Detroit. It should be noted that this is the address of the Rex Bargain House and there are no living accommodations in this building.

THOMAS stated that he was in the salvage business and that he had purchased this merchandise for somebody else. He said he had paid \$5,000.00 as a down payment on the merchandise with the option to buy all of the merchandise in this warehouse at 35% on the dollar. THOMAS said that he did not have his receipt with him as it was at his house and agreed to report to the Detroit Office for an interview after he had returned to his home for the receipt.

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[REDACTED] Detroit, who was assisting in the loading of this truck, stated that he had never worked for THOMAS prior to that date

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and that he was regularly employed at [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he was driving the Valley Platers truck and that he had picked it up that morning at an unknown location in the vicinity of Kercheval and Conner Streets.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] who was also loading the truck, advised that he had only started working for TONY THOMAS on that date and that he had no other employment. He stated that he had arrived at the warehouse in TONY's car and that the truck was already there when he arrived. He said that he has known TONY THOMAS for approximately [redacted]

[redacted] Michigan, who was also loading the above truck, advised that ANTHONY THOMAS had called him that morning and asked him if he wanted to work. He said that THOMAS was a personal friend and that he had never worked for him before. [redacted] said that he did not know where the goods in the warehouse had come from and he did not know where they were supposed to be unloaded.

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telephone [redacted] advised that he is not steadily employed and that he was hired by [redacted] to help load the merchandise from this warehouse on that date. He stated that he had recently been discharged from the United States Marine Corps and his Marine Corps Serial Number is [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted] who was also loading this truck, advised that he is not steadily employed. He said he had recently been discharged from the United States Marine Corps, Serial Number [redacted]. He said that he had been contacted through [redacted] who is a close friend and that he had agreed to work for [redacted] for a day beginning on that date.

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On October 27, 1958, ANTHONY THOMAS appeared at the Detroit Office accompanied by his attorney, [redacted] [redacted] THOMAS said that he was willing to volunteer all the information he had concerning his purchases of the goods involved in this matter, however, he said that before discussing this matter he wanted to locate his receipt for partial payment on the goods. He agreed to return to the Detroit Office on the following day to continue the interview.

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On October 28, 1958, THOMAS again appeared at the Detroit Office and furnished a receipt which was handwritten in ink on a plain piece of paper which is quoted as follows:

"Received \$5,000.00 for merchandise on account.
Oct. 22nd 1958. From Anthony Thomas.
[redacted]

THOMAS said that he had received a telephone call advising him that there was some good merchandise for sale but he would not discuss the identity of the caller. THOMAS related that he worked as the manager and buyer for the Rex Bargain Store, 11747 East Jefferson, Detroit, but he would not disclose the identity of the owner or owners of the store for whom he worked. He stated that he felt that the FBI should know that the \$5,000.00 he had paid for the merchandise at the Pollard warehouse was not his own money as he did not have that kind of money and that it was his boss' money.

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THOMAS further advised that he had contacted a person named JESS to arrange for the purchase of the goods. He said that JESS owns and operates the only discount house in Windsor, Canada, and that he believed that JESS is an American citizen residing in Detroit.

THOMAS said that he drove over to Canada to see JESS in a Plymouth car and that his boss was with

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him. He said that the Plymouth belonged to his boss, however, he would not disclose his identity. THOMAS said that this visit with JESS had occurred on a Tuesday or Wednesday of the previous week (October 21 or 22, 1958) and that his boss and JESS had then driven to Detroit to JACK SHUBOW's place on Linwood Avenue. He said that thereafter LUDWIG (LNU) and JESS had taken him to the B. J. Pollard Warehouse to look at the merchandise.

THOMAS further advised that JACK SHUBOW and LUDWIG had shown him invoices for the merchandise in the warehouse and that he had compared the invoices with the merchandise. He said that he had noted that all of the merchandise had been shipped to Scanlon's in Milwaukee from the wholesalers. He said that he had discovered that many of the invoices did not agree with the contents of the boxes which they were supposed to represent and that he had thereafter made a deal with JESS and SHUBOW, who said they had authority to sell the merchandise, to buy the saleable merchandise at 35¢ on the dollar. He said that their agreement was that he was to move all of the merchandise into the Rex Bargain Store warehouse where it would be opened and inventoried in JESS' presence where they would arrive at a fair price for the merchandise. He stated that on this initial contact, which he believed to be October 22, 1958, he had paid \$5,000.00 to JESS who had, in turn, given it to a man who identified himself as [REDACTED]. He said that he had never seen [REDACTED] previous to this date and described him as being approximately [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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complexion. about [REDACTED] years old and of [REDACTED]
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After additional questioning, THOMAS said that he himself did not actually pay the \$5,000.00 to JESS at the warehouse but that the person who was with him, his boss, had paid the money. THOMAS said that out of loyalty to his boss he could not disclose his boss' identity. THOMAS further advised that he is paid \$75.00 per week as the manager of the Rex Bargain House plus an expense account. An attempt was made to get additional detailed

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information surrounding THOMAS' activities in this matter, however, he refused to answer many questions put to him and was obviously evasive on many questions which he did answer.

On October 29, 1958. THOMAS again appeared at the Detroit Office as it had been previously ascertained that a large quantity of merchandise had been moved from Pollard's warehouse to the Love Brothers Warehouse at 300 McKinstry Street, Detroit. On this date, THOMAS advised that he had contacted [redacted] of Love Brothers Warehouse, [redacted] SAM FINAZZO, had contacted him and he had arranged to store the merchandise at the Love Brothers Warehouse. THOMAS stated that he was certain that there were no written agreements or contracts for the use of the space at Love Brothers Warehouse. He further advised that on Thursday and Friday, October 23 and 24, 1958, he had loaded 7 truckloads of merchandise from the Prairie Street warehouse and that these trucks were unloaded at the Love Brothers Warehouse on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. THOMAS further advised that he had personally given away between \$150.00 and \$200.00 worth of merchandise to the men who were helping him to load the merchandise and that he was attempting to recover this merchandise from the men in order that it could be returned to the control of the Bankruptcy Court. He said that the valuation that he placed on this merchandise was the value that he had paid for it, i.e., 35¢ on a dollar or 35% of wholesale price.

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Several photographs were exhibited to THOMAS and he identified a photograph of [redacted] as the person who had called himself [redacted] who had received the \$5,000.00 down payment on October 22, 1958. He stated that the photograph appeared to be about 10 years younger than [redacted] however, the eyes and nose were almost identical in appearance.

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THOMAS agreed to accompany SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER and SA DOUGLAS W. HIBBE to the premises of the Rex Bargain

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House and escorted the Agents through the store. The first floor, which is open to the public, contained an assorted display of canned goods, men's and women's clothing and shoes, and water damaged goods.

A stairway at the left rear of the store led to a small upstairs room in which were stored toys, wrapping paper, soap powder, 5 automobile air conditioning units and miscellaneous household items.

Another stairway at the left rear of the store led to a basement in the rear of the building about 1/3 the size of the first floor. The basement contained only a few damaged canned goods and some empty cardboard cartons.

THOMAS also escorted the Agents to the Mack Bargain House, 11138 Mack Avenue, Detroit, which is another store he operates for his boss. This store was locked and THOMAS advised that it had recently been closed down as the result of a court order for non-payment of rent and stated that he did not have a key to the premises. From the limited view the Agents had of this store from the sidewalk, it appeared that the store contained a very limited quantity of merchandise.

The following description was obtained at the time THOMAS was interviewed:

| | |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name | ANTHONY (NMN) THOMAS |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | October 8, 1916 |
| Residence | Inseenal, Texas Belmar Motel 3250 East Jefferson Detroit, Michigan LO 7-7000 |
| Height | 5' 7" |
| Weight | 155 lbs. |

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| Build | Medium |
| Hair | Black, graying, balding on top forefront |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Complexion | Dark |
| Scars and marks | Tattoo of crucifix on left upper arm |
| Marital status | Single |
| Relatives | MARY THOMAS, nee Maroon |
| Mother | 1050 Field Street |
| Brother | Detroit. Michigan |
| Sister | [Redacted] |

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On October 27, 1958, SA DOUGLAS W. HIBBE obtained the following arrest record from the Detroit Police Department for ANTHONY THOMAS, who admitted on October 28, 1958, during the interview set out above, that this was his arrest record:

| <u>Contributor</u> | Name and Number | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| PD, Det., Mich | Anthony Thomas #43545 | 1-3-32 | Inv susp strong- arming | 1-6-32, dism n/c |
| " | " | 2-16-32 | Inv Robb armed | 2-17-32, dis by supt |
| " | " | 2-25-32 | B&E n/t | 2-25-32, dis by supt TOT Juvenile Div |
| " | " | 7-12-32 | B&E store n/t | 8-17-32, acquitted |
| " | " | 8-17-32 | B&E store n/t | 10-10-32, Conv: larc fr store 2-4yrs SRef Ionia, Michigan |
| DHC Plymouth Michigan | Anthony Thomas #R-4248 | 10-10-32 | larc fr store (RC Detroit) | 2-4yrs, 4-20-33, Trans to SP Jackson, Michigan |
| SPr., Jackson Michigan | Anthony Thomas #33545 | 4-20-33 (rec in tr fr DHC) | larc fr store (RC Detroit) 4-13-34, | 2-4 yrs paroled to Detroit, Mich. |
| PD, Det., Mich | Anthony Thomas #43545 | 8-30-34 | Inv B&E | 8-31-34, dism n/c |
| " | " | 1-2-35 | Inv Robb Armed | 1-3-35, dism on writ |

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| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
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| PD, Det., Mich. | Anthony Thomas #43545 | 11-24-35 | Murder | 12-1-39, nolle pros. on mot APA |
| " | " | 11-27-35 | Murder | 3-7-36, Conv: 1st Deg Murder - sent LIFE SPr., Jackson, Mich. |
| SPr., Jackson Mich. | Anthony Thomas #38487 | 3-7-36 (sent.) | Murder 1st Deg (RC Detroit) | LIFE 5-1-48, new trial: sent 15-30 yrs for Murder 2nd deg, 1-8-51, paroled to Detroit for 4 yrs. |
| PD, Det., Mich. | Anthony Thomas #43545 | 4-18-52 | viol parole | 4-24-52, TOT Par. Of |

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The arrest record of SAM FINAZZO, mentioned above in the interview with ANTHONY THOMAS, was obtained by SA HIBBE from the Detroit Police Department on October 27, 1958, and is set forth as follows:

| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| PD, Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo #48219 | 7-27-26 | A & B | 8-3-26- Dis by Court |
| " | " | 6-5-33 | Viol US Code | 6-6-33 TOT U.S.S.S. |
| " | " | 7-1-34 | Viol St Liq Law | 7-3-34-Warr Refused |

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| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| PD, Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo #48219 | 7-7-34 | Reckl Driving | 7-9-34-Dis by Court |
| " | " | 10-6-34 | Dis Pers Inv | 10-7-34-Dis by Supt. |
| " | " | 10-23-34 | Murder | 12-18-34-Crt Directed verdict not guilty |
| " | " | 9-27-35 | Invest. | 9-28-35 Dis by Supt. |
| " | " | 12-23-35 | No Oper Lic | 12-24-35-\$1 |
| " | " | 12-29-35 | Inv. Safe Blowing | 12-31-35, Dis by Supt. |
| " | " | 10-11-36 | Viol St Liq Contrl Act | 3-25-37-\$50 or 60 da |
| " | " | 1-31-37 | Viol St Liq Contr Act | 2-1-37-Warr Refused |
| " | " | 5-26-37 | Inv. Rob Armed | 5-28-37-Dis, no case |
| " | " | 8-20-37 | Viol US Drug Law | 8-20-37-Dis by Supt. |
| " | " | 1-2-38 | Att Gamb House | 1-3-38-Dis by Court |
| " | " | 6-2-38 | Poss Gamb Para | 6-2-38-Warr Refused |
| " | " | 8-30-38 | Inv. Con Man | 8-31-38-Dis by Supt. |

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| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| SO, Mt. Clemens, Mich. | Sam Finazzo #-- | 5-19-39 | Disorderly | 5-19-39-\$8.75 fine |
| S Pol., Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo # D 3027 | 12-11-39 | Diso Person | 12-11-39- \$15 fine & \$3.35 Costs |
| PD, Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo #48219 | 9-4-40 | Inv. Simp Larc | 9-6-40-Dis on writ |
| SO, Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo # 40518 | 12-28-40 | Consp Viol Gambl Laws | 2 yrs Probation |
| PD, Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo # 48219 | 3-19-41 | Pol Witness | 3-19-41-Dis, no case |
| SO, Mt. Clemens, Mich. | Sam Finazzo # 9511 | 11-2-41 | Inv. | |
| " | Sam Finazzo # 1280 | 4-19-42 | Inv. | |
| PD, Det., Mich. | Sam Finazzo # 48219 | 3-16-44 | Inv. Viol Sel Serv Act | 3-18-44-Dis on writ |
| " | " | 1-16-48 | Inv. M&O | 1-17-48-Dis, no case |
| " | " | 4-5-48 | Inv. Gambling | 4-9-48-Dis, no case |
| " | " | 10-7-49 | Inv. Consp VSGL | 10-7-49-Dis, no case |
| " | " | 10-13-49 | Consp. VSGL | 10-14-49-Dis, no case |
| " | " | 2-23-50 | Inv. Murder | 2-23-50-Dis, no case |
| " | " | 10-23-57 | Inv. Murder | 10-23-57-Dis, no case |

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) Date: 11/4/58
Dictated: 10/29/58

FROM: SA(A) [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted], aka -
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[redacted] JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted] on October 27, 1958, at SHUBOW's place of business, the Rich-Mor Sales and Distributing Co., 13144 Linwood, Detroit, Michigan.

SHUBOW advised that he is known by all of his friends and business acquaintances as JACK SHUBOW. SHUBOW stated that he resides at 22551 Bellwood Drive North, Southfield Township, and he is the sole owner of Rich-Mor Sales and Distributing Company, which is a Michigan corporation which was formed approximately three years ago.

SHUBOW explained that approximately five or six weeks ago he received a call from Milwaukee, Wisconsin from an individual who identified himself as one [redacted] asked SHUBOW if he could dispose of any merchandise on a 5% basis. SHUBOW stated that he never knew or had talked to [redacted] prior to the time he had received this call. [redacted] offered general housewares merchandise but did not mention any price and asked SHUBOW to get buyers for him. SHUBOW explained that he attends numerous shows throughout the country who display houseware merchandise and that he is well known all over the United States by dealers and individuals who handle this type of merchandise. SHUBOW insisted several times that he had never purchased any merchandise from [redacted] nor had he handled any merchandise which [redacted] had furnished. SHUBOW did state, however, that he had had several samples of the merchandise which [redacted] had offered for sale but that these samples were not now presently in his place of

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business. SHUBOW advised that [redacted] continued to call him every few days and that he had received the last call from [redacted] approximately two weeks ago. As the result of [redacted] calls, SHUBOW stated he furnished the following names of individuals in businesses who might be interested in purchasing materials from [redacted]

[redacted], who operates the Universal Wholesale Co., on Fairfax Ave. in Los Angeles.

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[redacted] who operates the Elliott Sales in Omaha, Nebraska.

[redacted] who operates a business in Clearwater, Florida, known as "Howard the Trader".

[redacted] who operates Hammer Sales Co., in Kansas City, Missouri.

SHUBOW stated he did not know who [redacted] may be doing business with in the Detroit area and insisted that he had never seen [redacted]

SHUBOW stated he believed that he was dealing with a reputable individual since he checked [redacted] in the Dun and Bradstreet records and found that [redacted] was a big dealer who had a good credit rating so that he trusted [redacted]. SHUBOW claimed that [redacted] had a "E-2 rating". SHUBOW insisted that he knew nothing about [redacted] operation, that he knew nothing about [redacted] present business status, and he did not know where [redacted] was presently located. SHUBOW states that he did not know where the merchandise was from and that [redacted] did not indicate that it was stolen or bankrupt merchandise. [redacted] claimed that the merchandise could be purchased under cost since he needed money and wanted to get rid of the merchandise. SHUBOW claimed the only way he knew how to contact [redacted] was through Scanlons in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that he had never actually met or seen [redacted]

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SHUBOW stated that he was contacted by one of [redacted] men whom he knew only by the name of [redacted] who drove a 1956 or 1957 [redacted]. He described [redacted] as a [redacted] and

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was approximately [redacted] years of age. SHUBOW stated that [redacted] contacted him 3 or 4 times, the last time approximately 2 weeks previously. [redacted] also wanted SHUBOW to dispose of some of the merchandise and SHUBOW agreed to attempt to get buyers for the merchandise as long as SHUBOW got his commission of 5%. SHUBOW stated several weeks ago that [redacted] wanted to rent a place to store some of the merchandise. SHUBOW then sent [redacted] to see [redacted] who was a builder who had various buildings all around the city of Detroit.

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During the interview, SHUBOW called [redacted]

[redacted] Detroit. SHUBOW stated that [redacted] advised that his rental agent, one [redacted] had rented a store building to [redacted] at 14442 - 14448 Grand River, and that he did not know the last name of [redacted] and since he did not know the party he collected \$1,000.00 cash rent in advance for rental up through December 31, 1958.

SHUBOW stated that Rich-Mor Sales owns a 1958 Cadillac convertible which he uses as a business car. SHUBOW stated that he also owned a 1956 Chevrolet two door which was used by [redacted]. SHUBOW stated that he did not give [redacted] or anyone else connected with [redacted] authority to use the name of Rich-Mor Sales.

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[redacted] SHUBOW was asked what check he had on [redacted] to see that he got his commission for sales made to the individuals which SHUBOW referred to [redacted]. SHUBOW stated that he trusted [redacted] to pay him the commission due him and insisted that this was the only basis upon which he had of checking on [redacted] to see that he got the commission which was due him.

SHUBOW related that he was presently having trouble with two checks aggregating \$4,000.00 for merchandise which was never received by him. SHUBOW had co-signed the checks and given the checks for merchandise and the checks were not to be cashed until after the delivery of the merchandise. The seller of the merchandise had discounted the checks and he, SHUBOW, had never received the merchandise and an attempt was now being made to compel SHUBOW to pay the \$4,000.00 even though he had not received the merchandise or value for the checks. SHUBOW said this transaction had no connection with [redacted] or merchandise handled by [redacted].

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At the conclusion of the interview, SHUBOW left his place of business and before Agents left the offices of Rich-Mor Sales, an attempt was made to locate SHUBOW and it was determined that he had gone to the corner of Monterey and Linwood Avenue, one block from the office of Rich-Mor Sales, to a bar where he made a telephone call from a pay phone.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

Date: 11/4/58
Dictated: 10/29/58

FROM: SA(A) [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka -

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At approximately 11:10 a.m., October 27, 1958, SA (A) [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted] in attempting to locate JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW at his place of business, the Rich-Mor Sales and Distributing Company, 13144 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, went to a bar located at the corner of Monterey and Linwood, which is one block south of the Rich-Mor Sales, and observed SHUBOW making a telephone call from a pay phone located in this bar.

After SHUBOW completed his telephone call he accompanied SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted] back to his office where the following interview took place:

SHUBOW stated that he had not hired any truckers to haul merchandise for an individual known to him as only [redacted]. SA(A) [redacted] asked SHUBOW about several sales of merchandise which he had made for [redacted] since he had previously told SA(A) [redacted] and SA [redacted] that he had handled no merchandise coming from [redacted] or [redacted] in Milwaukee. SHUBOW explained that the reason he had given false information to SA [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted] was that he did not want to get the customers in trouble and that he had not personally handled the merchandise; that the merchandise upon which he received a commission had been shipped out of the store room which had been rented at 14442 Grand River. SHUBOW stated that he had never gone over to the Grand River Store and looked over the merchandise which [redacted] had stored there.

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SHUBOW related that during one of the phone calls which he had received from [redacted] he was advised by [redacted] that he had \$200,000.00 in merchandise which he wished to dispose of. SHUBOW insisted that he knew [redacted]

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representative only by the name of [redacted]. He explained that [redacted] handled the movement of the merchandise by "wild cat" truckers who used trucks and trailers which did not have any name painted on the truck or trailer.

SHUBOW refused to allow Agents to see his books and records relating to the merchandise which he had handled for [redacted] or the entries which had been made in the records for the commissions he had received for the sale of the merchandise.

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SHUBOW said that he received a call from a man named [redacted] in Milwaukee about one month ago.

[redacted] told SHUBOW he had several hundred thousand dollars worth of merchandise that he wanted to sell at 30 - 40% under wholesale cost as [redacted] needed money badly. SHUBOW said that he was to receive a 5% cash commission on any sales of merchandise that he was able to make and that it was stipulated between he and [redacted] that any sale was to consist of at least a trailer load of merchandise and that payment was to be in cash. SHUBOW said that he had no receipts for these payments and that this was not unusual in his business. SHUBOW refused to identify the two customers to whom he sold merchandise and refused to make any records available regarding these sales. SHUBOW admitted, however, that his records would disclose the names of these individuals to whom the sales were made and the total amount of the sales and the amount of the commission received on them. SHUBOW said this merchandise was sold at about 30 - 40% under wholesale cost and used as an example a percolator costing \$10.00. SHUBOW said he would be told how much [redacted] wanted for this percolator such as \$6.00 or \$7.00 and that this would be the price at which SHUBOW would sell the merchandise.

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SHUBOW said he had never visited the Pollard Warehouse on Prairie or the store building at 14442 Grand River where merchandise was stored by [redacted] and that he had no control over the merchandise which was stored in these two places by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

Date: 11/4/58

FROM: SA(A) [redacted]

Dictated: 10/29/58

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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At 9:20 a.m., October 28, 1958, a telephone call was received from an individual who identified himself as "JACK SHUBOW". SHUBOW stated that there was another business house in Cleveland which he referred to [redacted]

SHUBOW stated that a sale of merchandise had also been made. SHUBOW advised that [redacted] had sent merchandise direct from Milwaukee to the E and A Sales Company, located at 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which was operated by [redacted] and [redacted]

SHUBOW explained that [redacted] and [redacted] did not trust [redacted] whose last name he.

SHUBOW, did not know, therefore, [redacted] and [redacted] sent \$3,000.00 to SHUBOW who deducted his commission and gave the balance to [redacted] SHUBOW inquired whether or not it was all right for him to go out of town on a

"collection trip". SHUBOW explained that he desired to make a trip throughout the state of Michigan to collect money owed to him by various customers. SHUBOW was advised that he could do whatever he desired and that this office had no control over his activities.

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SHUBOW stated that he was president of the Rich-Mor Sales and Distributing Co., and [redacted]
[redacted] and that [redacted] [redacted] who has offices on James Couzens Highway, was [redacted] of the company.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185) DATE: November 21, 1958
Dictated: 11/18/58

FROM: SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka. - FUGITIVE

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On October 29, 1958, JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW, also known as JACK SHUBOW, voluntarily appeared at the Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with his attorney, [REDACTED] and stated that he desired to furnish information in regard to his part in the selling of merchandise from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Mr. [REDACTED] said he had no objection to his not being present during the interview with his client.

SHUBOW was interviewed in the Detroit Office by SA(A)'s ROBERT P. KEEHAN and [REDACTED]

A statement was prepared from the information furnished by SHUBOW on October 29, 1958. Prior to the completion of this statement, Mr. [REDACTED] SHUBOW's attorney, came to the Detroit Office to review the statement prepared from information furnished by SHUBOW. Upon reading the statement, Mr. [REDACTED] asked his client various questions concerning this statement. SHUBOW verified that all of the information included in the statement was true. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he desired a copy of the statement and that he and his client would return to the Detroit Office on Thursday, October 30, 1958, at 10:00 AM in order to read a typed copy of this statement.

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On the morning of October 30, 1958, [REDACTED], Attorney, and JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW returned to the Detroit Office and read a part of the statement that had been typed. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he had discussed this matter further with his client on the evening of October 29, 1958, and that he now felt that there was not sufficient

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information in the statement that had been prepared and that some of the information in the statement was not accurate based upon his further discussions with his client on the evening of October 29, 1958. Mr. [redacted] suggested that the statement particularly include a paragraph in regard to the nature of Mr. SHUBOW's business and a statement to the effect that the purchase of merchandise at 60% to 70% below wholesale cost was not an unusual occurrence in Mr. SHUBOW's type of business. Mr. [redacted] said that his client also desired to furnish additional information which his client, Mr. SHUBOW, had neglected to furnish on October 29, 1958. SHUBOW was therefore reinterviewed on October 30, 1958, in the Detroit Office, and some changes were made in the statement of October 29, 1958, at SHUBOW's direction. SHUBOW also furnished additional information on October 30, 1958, which is set out below. Mr. [redacted] was not present during this interview.

At the conclusion of the interview on October 30, 1958, Mr. [redacted] again appeared at the Detroit Office and at this time Mr. [redacted] was advised that information furnished by his client was at variance with other information obtained in this case and that no statement had been prepared.

On the afternoon of October 31, 1958, JACOB L. SHUBOW again appeared at the Detroit Office and stated that he had recalled additional information which he had neglected to furnish during interviews on October 29 and 30, 1958.

SHUBOW was reinterviewed by SA(A)'s KEEHAN and [redacted] however, on certain events which transpired, particularly in regard to the settlement with [redacted] SHUBOW continued to be evasive and the interview was terminated.

The statement prepared on October 29, 1958, from the information received from JACOB L. SHUBOW with the changes made by SHUBOW on October 30, 1958, reads as follows:

"October 29, 1958
Detroit, Michigan

"I, Jacob Louis Shubow, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted]
[redacted] and Robert P. Keehan who have identified

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"themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. I realize that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make may be used against me in a court of law. I also realize that I may consult an attorney.

"I was born on February 12, 1912 at Reading, Pennsylvania. My present residence is 22551 Bellwood Drive North, Southfield, Michigan.

"On September 15 or 16, 1958 [redacted] who I used to know in Detroit when [redacted] called by telephone from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. [redacted] stated he knew a fellow who had a good amount of general houseware merchandise that I could buy at a wholesale price. Mr. [redacted] asked me if I wanted to buy this merchandise. I asked him how much it would be and he said a great deal in cash. I told him I could not buy on a cash basis and Mr. [redacted] asked if I could obtain buyers for this merchandise at a five per cent commission. I told Mr. [redacted] if it was good merchandise I could sell it. I then asked him if it was hot stuff and Mr. [redacted] said no. Mr. [redacted] stated he would let me know when the merchandise arrived in Detroit, Michigan.

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"On September 18 or 19, 1958 [redacted] walked into my office at Detroit and [redacted] stated he was working with [redacted] I am acquainted with [redacted] as he was a [redacted] approximately [redacted] ago. [redacted] stated that Mr. [redacted] Scanlon's Appliances in Milwaukee had a large amount of merchandise which he wanted to sell for cash in order to meet urgent bills. [redacted] said that he and [redacted] were trying to sell this merchandise for [redacted] exhibited a Dun and Bradstreet report on Scanlon's to show their financial condition.

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[redacted] stated this merchandise was located in Milwaukee and that it could be here in Detroit in the next few days. [redacted] asked me if I knew of

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"available warehouse space for this merchandise. I called [redacted]

[redacted] James Couzens Highway, Detroit. [redacted]
[redacted] said he would see what he had available and to send [redacted] over. The following weekend [redacted] told me he had rented space to [redacted] in a double store on Grand River Avenue near Schoolcraft in Detroit.

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"A few days later, about the end of September, [redacted] came to my office and said the merchandise had been shipped to [redacted] on Grand River. [redacted] and I went to the store and looked over the merchandise. I told [redacted] I could sell this merchandise and I asked him how much I should sell it for. [redacted] said I should get at least sixty to seventy per cent of the wholesale cost price. We agreed that I would get a five per cent commission based on the selling price for any merchandise I sold, or for any buyer I referred to [redacted] or [redacted]

"It was also agreed that the smallest sale would have to be at least a truck load, and that payment to [redacted] and [redacted] was to be in cash.

"I sold this merchandise to three customers of mine, Universal Sales Company Charleston, West Virginia, Link Sales Company Washington, D.C., and Better Products Company in Syracuse, New York. The total sales to these three companies was approximately \$13,000.00. I received checks from these customers and deposited them in my bank account. I deducted my commissions and gave the differences to [redacted] and [redacted] in cash.

[redacted] or [redacted] also contacted a customer I referred to them, E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio. E and A Sales sent me two \$1500.00 checks, which I deposited in my bank account. I then deducted my commission and paid [redacted] and [redacted] in cash. These sales took most of the merchandise from the double stores on Grand River.

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"During this time [redacted] or [redacted] told me that [redacted] from Detroit was in charge of the receiving and shipping of this merchandise. Ludwig [redacted] contacted [redacted] to get the keys for the stores on Grand River.

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"About the eighth or ninth of October 1958, [redacted] said he had more merchandise coming into Detroit and that he had rented a big warehouse on Praire Avenue, Detroit. He asked me to make the downpayment on this warehouse for him. He said he rented this warehouse in the name of [redacted]. I sent my bookkeeper, Ludwig Rohe, over to this warehouse with \$300 to \$400 to make the downpayment for this space.

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"A few days later [redacted] asked me if I had any big buyers as he would like to sell the merchandise in one lump. [redacted] said they had shipped in about sixteen trailer loads of merchandise to this warehouse. I said I did not know any buyer who had enough cash to buy this merchandise. [redacted] asked me if [redacted] Jess Beron, Seaway Sales Company, Windsor, Ontario, Canada could handle the deal. I called Jess and told him that [redacted] and [redacted] would be over to see him.

"On October 18 or 19, 1958 Jess Beron told me that he heard from [redacted] Windsor, Ontario, Canada, that this merchandise was from Scanlon's in Milwaukee and that Milwaukee authorities were looking for Mr. [redacted] of Scanlon's. On this same day I talked to [redacted] who told me that Scanlon's was going into bankruptcy and he did not know [redacted] location.

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"On October 15 or 16, 1958 Jess Beron who was accompanied by [redacted] of Windsor Ontario Canada, a prospective buyer came to my office to discuss the quality of Scanlon's merchandise which was stored in the two warehouse at Grand River and Praire. [redacted] and Barron told me that the merchandise was saleable and [redacted] told me he was interested in furnishing the duty money but first wanted to contact his lawyer."

SHUBOW also advised on October 29, 1958, that he believed that the total amount of Scanlon's merchandise amounted to about \$300,000.00. He said that he believed that about \$150,000.00 to \$160,000.00 worth of merchandise came into Detroit.

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SHUBOW said that he had given [] and [] a total of \$10,000.00. He said this included \$7,000.00 from the sales to Universal Associates, Link Sales Company and Better Products Company. He said the total sales to these three companies amounted to \$13,000.00 and that the difference of \$6,000.00 represented expenses which he had paid for [] and []. He said he also gave [] and [] the \$3,000.00 which he had received from E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, making the total payments to [] and [] \$10,000.00.

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SHUBOW said that [] and [] had stayed at the Monterey Motel when they were in Detroit on October 23 or 24, 1958, and that he also recalled that [] had formerly had a sewing machine business in Detroit. SHUBOW further stated that his [] was going to Chicago on Thursday, October 30, 1958, and that he expected that [] would contact [] in Chicago.

SHUBOW furnished descriptive information about himself which is set out at the end of this interview.

JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW also furnished the following information on October 29, 1958, which information he said he did not believe should be included in a statement to be furnished by him as this information had been told to him by JESS BERON. After consulting his attorney, Mr. SHUBOW said that this information should be included in his statement and this information was written in the following form on October 30, 1958:

"Jess Beron told me that he had made a deal with [] and [], whereby he Beron would pay [] 35% of the total wholesale cost of the merchandise in the warehouse on Prairie Avenue and Grand River. This amount was to be determined after the merchandise had been listed on forms required to make the payment of duty on merchandise being shipped into Canada. The duty on this merchandise would amount to 30% to 40% of the original factory cost of the merchandise. Beron told me the duty would amount to about \$50,000 and that he had contacted various individuals, including [] in an attempt to raise this \$50,000 required for the duty payment. Beron said [] and [] had agreed to wait for their

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"money until Beron had sold the merchandise or a reasonable period. I was to receive 5% commission on this sale to Beron.

"About October 17 or 18, 1958 Jess Beron called me and said that [redacted] had contacted a Mr.

[redacted] Attorney of Weiswasser and Jaffe, Detroit. Beron said that [redacted] had contacted a relative in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and had been informed that Scanlon's was in bankruptcy and that Milwaukee authorities were looking for Mr. [redacted] of Scanlon's. Beron said that [redacted] had been advised not to buy the merchandise. On this same day or the next day I talked to [redacted] and asked him about Scanlon's. [redacted] told me that Scanlon's was going into bankruptcy and that he did not know the whereabouts of [redacted]

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"Jess Beron also told me, about this time, that he had been contacted by a man named Tony who was interested in putting up the duty money as Tony wanted to get a nephew started in business. Jess brought Tony whose last name I do not know to my office I believe on Friday, October 17, 1958 and Tony wanted to see the merchandise. Jess Beron then took Tony to the warehouse and showed him the merchandise. Beron told me he made a deal with Tony and had received \$5000 in good faith.

"From October 21 to October 24 I was out of the city. On Thursday night October 23, 1958 I received a message in Kalamazoo from my wife to call Jess Beron. I called Beron who related to me that he was to meet Tony at the warehouse on that Thursday afternoon and that Tony had arranged for some trucks to pick up the merchandise. About 3:30 PM Jess said Tony arrived with five or six fellows he described as Italians and that they started loading the trucks. Jess said that while in the warehouse two of these men grabbed him and put a knife or gun to his throat and said "We're taking over". Jess said that he was told to come back to the warehouse on Friday and and asked my advice."

SHUBOW furnished the following information which was not completely written into the above statement. This information is as follows:

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SHUBOW told BERON to try to scare the Italians away by telling them that the FBI knew about the merchandise or that the cops were coming or something like that. SHUBOW said that he agreed to meet BERON in Detroit at 12:30 PM on Friday, October 24, 1958, at the corner of Wyoming and Michigan Avenue. SHUBOW met BERON as agreed. BERON related to SHUBOW that five Italians were at the Prairie street warehouse on that same Friday morning, October 24, 1958, and had loaded their trucks with merchandise. SHUBOW said that he and BERON then decided to notify [] and [] about this situation. He said they went to Northern Discount Corporation and told [] at Northern that he, SHUBOW, wanted to get in touch with [] or []. SHUBOW said they told [] that they would be back in about a half hour in case he was able to locate [] or []. SHUBOW stated that he and BERON then left Northern Discount Corporation and drove past the Prairie store warehouse to see if anyone was around. They saw no one and returned to Northern Discount Corporation.

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At this time [] got [] on the telephone and SHUBOW talked to []. SHUBOW said that he met [] at Northern about 40 minutes later and that at this time he and BERON told [] that they wanted nothing to do with this deal.

SHUBOW said that on Monday, October 27, 1958, he talked again to [] when [] called SHUBOW at SHUBOW's place of business and at this time SHUBOW told [] that the FBI had interviewed him at Rich-Mor Sales Company.

SHUBOW said that on Tuesday, October 28, 1958, [] had called him and told him to get an attorney and attempt to make a deal. SHUBOW said that [] said the deal would be that all of the merchandise would be given back plus \$40,000.00 so that all of the creditors would be satisfied and in view of this all individuals who were indirectly involved would be cleared.

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[] Attorney for Mr. SHUBOW, upon reading the statement previously set forth stated that he felt that any statement his client furnished should include a paragraph concerning the nature of SHUBOW's business, a further description of a "peddler" and a statement as to whether or not

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Mr. SHUBOW ever purchased distress merchandise. Mr. [redacted] also suggested certain changes in wording in this statement. As previously mentioned, [redacted] also suggested that the facts as furnished by SHUBOW be reviewed again with SHUBOW as [redacted] felt that SHUBOW had not given all of the information he possessed in regard to this case.

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In addition to the above information furnished on October 30, 1958, JACOB L. SHUBOW furnished the following additional information on October 30, 1958:

SHUBOW is president and only stockholder of Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Company, Inc., 13144 Linwood Avenue. This company is a wholesale distributor of small appliances, tools, general housewares and soft goods such as blankets. About 80% of Rich-Mor's customers are wagon jobbers, 10% are auctioneers and 10% are retail outlets. Most of these customers are in the State of Michigan outside the Detroit area. A wagon jobber of this type of merchandise is referred to in the trade as a peddler or a hustler. A peddler generally sells from house to house whereas a hustler generally sells to business establishments.

The fact that merchandise is offered at 60% to 70% below wholesale cost is not an unusual occurrence. Mr. SHUBOW said that if he had \$25,000 in cash today he could go to New York city and buy \$50,000 to \$60,000 worth of merchandise on a similar basis. He said that distress merchandise is always sold this way.

SHUBOW related that about [redacted] ago [redacted] and [redacted] were started in business as wagon jobbers selling cookware by SHUBOW. SHUBOW said he sold merchandise to [redacted] for about a year and that [redacted] traveled with [redacted] selling this merchandise. He said that [redacted] then went into business as Border Sales Company on Woodward Avenue in Detroit, and that he continued to sell [redacted] merchandise for about two years. SHUBOW said that when [redacted] walked into his office in September, 1958, it was the first time he had seen [redacted] in [redacted]. SHUBOW said that [redacted] told him that he, SHUBOW, would get a 5% commission on the sale of merchandise unless SHUBOW got an especially good price in which event SHUBOW would then get more than 5%. SHUBOW again

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related that he asked [] if the merchandise was "hot stuff". SHUBOW said he was assured by [] that he did not have to worry about this merchandise being "hot" as the concern in Milwaukee was reputable. SHUBOW said that [] then exhibited the Dun and Bradstreet report for Scanlon's in Milwaukee and that this report had an E2 rating.

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SHUBOW said that sometime during September, either [] mentioned that a Mr. [] was the sole owner of Scanlon's in Milwaukee and that they were acting as agents for []. SHUBOW said that [] told him that they were going "to make pretty good" on the sale of this merchandise, meeting their own profit, but that they did not say how much they would make on the sale of this merchandise.

[] SHUBOW stated that about September 25, 1958, called him from Milwaukee and asked SHUBOW if he had obtained any buyers. SHUBOW said that at this time [] related that the merchandise was going to keep coming into Detroit and that this was the first time he realized that there was going to be more merchandise than that shipped to the store on Grand River.

SHUBOW said that he talked to his [] for Empire Amerex Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, and that he and [] discussed the merchandise which [] were attempting to sell. SHUBOW said that [] told him that he [] had been contacted about this merchandise by [] who had formerly purchased merchandise from Empire Amerex Corporation when [] Border Sales Company. SHUBOW stated that [] called [] of Link Sales Company, Washington, D.C. and [] of Universal Associates, Charleston, West Virginia. SHUBOW said that he called HARRY MARKIN of Better Products Company, Syracuse, New York. [] and MARKIN came to Detroit on October 7, 1958, and [] came to Detroit on October 9, 1958, to select the merchandise. SHUBOW said he took the three above mentioned individuals to the store on Grand River where Scanlon's merchandise was located and that these

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three men then selected the merchandise which they wanted to buy. [redacted] had their trucks deliver this merchandise to the stores owned by these three men.

LUDWIG ROHE, SHUBOW's [redacted] listed the merchandise selected by these three men and priced the merchandise.

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About October 7 or 8, 1958, SHUBOW said he told JESS BERON, owner of Seaway Sales Company, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, a close friend whom he sees generally every day, about Scanlon's merchandise. BERON talked to [redacted] and made his own deal with [redacted] because BERON would have to pay a 40% duty on the merchandise shipped to Canada according to SHUBOW. SHUBOW said he did not take a 5% commission on the sale to BERON because BERON was such a close friend of his.

SHUBOW said that [redacted] told him that he, [redacted] had sold about \$4,000.00 worth of merchandise to BERON and that BERON did not have to pay cash but that BERON would pay [redacted] and [redacted] in 30 or 40 days. SHUBOW said that BERON purchased this merchandise in order to use it as sample merchandise in showing it to other potential buyers in Canada.

SHUBOW stated that E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, obtained their merchandise directly from Milwaukee, and that the merchandise shipped to E and A Sales definitely did not come from any of Scanlon's merchandise stored in Detroit, Michigan. SHUBOW said that [redacted] of E and A Sales called him and said that he was sending SHUBOW two checks, each in the amount of \$1,500.00 as he,

[redacted] did not trust [redacted]. SHUBOW said he received these two checks from E and A about October 7 or 8, 1958, and that he deposited them in his bank account. He stated that he had been in Cleveland about a month before he received these two checks and that he discussed the quality and type of merchandise from Scanlon's with [redacted]

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SHUBOW said he could not recall the specific date he was in Cleveland; however, this date was sometime after he received the telephone call from [redacted] from Milwaukee, but that this date would appear on his expense account.

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SHUBOW said he told [redacted] that [redacted] wanted 60% to 70% of the wholesale cost for this merchandise and that [redacted] should let SHUBOW know what [redacted] or his partner, [redacted] purchased because SHUBOW was getting a commission on the deal. SHUBOW then related that his [redacted] in Chicago had referred [redacted] to E and A Sales and that [redacted] had told E and A Sales to contact SHUBOW if E and A had any questions about the merchandise, inasmuch as he, SHUBOW, knew all about the merchandise as to type and quality. SHUBOW said he knew about this merchandise as to type and quality because of the telephone conversation he had had with [redacted] when called by [redacted] from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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SHUBOW stated that he had never been to Milwaukee or examined any of this merchandise other than at the storage points in Detroit, Michigan, and that he knew nothing about this merchandise until he received the first telephone call from [redacted] from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, about September 15, 1958.

He said that he had never met or seen [redacted] of Scanlon's, but that he had talked to an individual at Scanlon's who had identified himself as [redacted] and whose voice he knew to be other than [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] SHUBOW identified a photograph of [redacted] as being identical with the individual he knew as [redacted] and also [redacted] SHUBOW identified a photograph of [redacted] as being identical with the individual he knew as [redacted]

On Friday, October 31, 1958, JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW again appeared at the Detroit Office of the FBI with his attorney [redacted] SHUBOW stated that he desired to furnish additional information which he had now recalled which pertained to events about which he had previously furnished information on October 29 and 30, 1958. This information was again furnished to SA(A)'s ROBERT P. KEEHAN and [redacted]

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SHUBOW stated that he had actually received four checks from E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, instead of two checks. He said that each of the four checks was for \$1,500.00. He said he first received two checks from

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E and A Sales, one check was signed by [REDACTED] and the other check was signed by [REDACTED] SHUBOW said that he deposited these checks in his account and he had [REDACTED] of the Michigan Bank, Woodward - Boulevard Office, call the Cleveland Bank to determine if these two checks were paid. SHUBOW said that these two checks were paid. SHUBOW stated that about two days later or on the following Tuesday, he received two more checks from E and A one signed by [REDACTED] and one signed by [REDACTED] each for \$1,500.00. He said he deposited these checks in his bank account and that on Monday, October 27, 1958, [REDACTED] of the Michigan Bank called the Cleveland Bank and that [REDACTED] was informed the payment had been stopped on these two checks.

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In regard to the amount of money which SHUBOW had paid to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] SHUBOW said that he gave two checks payable to cash to them, one in the amount of \$4,000.00 and one in the amount of \$3,000.00. He said that he also made a check payable to cash in the amount of \$5,000.00 and that he had personally cashed this check at the Michigan Bank and gave the proceeds from this check to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] SHUBOW said that he also made \$3,200.00 in cash payments either for expenses incurred in the sale of this merchandise, or for additional payments to [REDACTED]. He said this money was obtained from cash which he kept in his office. SHUBOW said that his commissions on the sale of this merchandise amounted to \$800.00. The above payments are summarized as follows:

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| Check to [REDACTED] | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Check to [REDACTED] | 3,000.00 |
| Check cashed by SHUBOW | 5,000.00 |
| Cash payments from Office Fund | 3,200.00 |
| Commissions | 800.00 |
| Total | \$16,000.00 |

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SHUBOW said that he took no commission on the \$3,000.00 in checks of E and A Sales on which payment was stopped.

SHUBOW said that his bookkeeper had kept a detailed listing of all expenses incurred for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that this detailed listing of expenses was given to [REDACTED] at the time of "final settlement" with

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[redacted] SHUBOW stated that [redacted] also requested and was given a box of invoices from Scanlon's which identified all of this merchandise and all other papers or documents pertaining to this merchandise.

SHUBOW was asked when this "final settlement" occurred. SHUBOW stated that he believed this "final settlement" occurred either on October 17 or 18, 1958, or October 24 or 25, 1958. SHUBOW was asked to relate the events that lead to this "final settlement" and SHUBOW related that [redacted] had come to his office alone and told SHUBOW that the sales were going too slow. [redacted] said that he wanted to get rid of all of the merchandise at one time and he offered the whole lot of merchandise to SHUBOW at 35% of the wholesale cost. SHUBOW said that the first thing that entered his mind was, "Have I got enough money?" He then told [redacted] that the deal looked bad and he stated, "I don't want any part of this." SHUBOW said that [redacted] then asked him if he, SHUBOW, knew if there were any big buyers who could buy this merchandise in one lump. SHUBOW said he then referred [redacted] to JESS BERON. He stated that all of this occurred on the day that he made his "final settlement" with [redacted]

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It was pointed out to SHUBOW that he should be able to remember when this "final settlement" occurred. SHUBOW then said that he would give a definite date but that he desired to talk to his attorney, Mr. [redacted] before giving a definite date.

SHUBOW telephonically contacted his attorney and upon returning, SHUBOW stated that the "final settlement" occurred either on October 17 or 18, or October 24 or 25, 1958. At this time the interview with SHUBOW was terminated.

The following information was obtained from interview and observation during the above interviews:

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| Name | JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW also known as JACK SHUBOW |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Residence | 22551 Bellwood Drive North, Southfield, Michigan |

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|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of birth | February 12, 1912 |
| Place of birth | Reading, Pennsylvania |
| Height | 5'9" |
| Weight | 195 lbs. |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Hair | Auburn |
| Build | Heavy |
| Marital status | Married |
| Relatives | Wife Children |
| Mother | ANNA SHAW, Montevista Ave., Detroit |
| Father | Deceased |
| Brother | |
| Brother-in-law | |
| Occupation | Owner, Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Company, 13144 Linwood, Detroit |
| Arrests | None admitted |

his consent. A photograph of SHUBOW was obtained with

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) Date: 11/4/58
Dictated: 10/29/58

FROM: SA(A) [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka -
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On October 27, 1958, SA(A) [redacted]
and SA(A) [redacted] interviewed [redacted]
also known as [redacted] in the offices of SHUBOW
and HOLLO, Builders - Developers, 20169 James Couzens,
Detroit, Michigan.

[redacted] advised that in addition to
being [redacted] for SHUBOW and HOLLO he also acts as
a rental agent on the 5% commission basis operating as the
Oak Park Management Company. [redacted] explained that he
handles properties owned by his wife and himself and he
handles property owned by Avon Realty Company, a Michigan
corporation, which is owned principally by one Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] stated he also rents properties owned
by SHUBOW and HOLLO.

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[redacted] stated that he had rented a
piece of property at 14442 - 14448 Grand River to an
individual who identified himself as [redacted] who
had been referred to him by JACK SHUBOW. [redacted]
insisted that he had no address or other information
relating to [redacted] and did not know how to contact
[redacted] claimed that if anything was wrong
on the premises at 14442 Grand River the only person whom
he could contact or collect from for damages was JACK
SHUBOW, who had referred [redacted] to him. [redacted]
explained that [redacted] had come to his offices at 20169
James Couzens to rent the property. [redacted] pulled a
receipt from his coat pocket showing the following
information:

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"1000 -
cash Sep 19 1958
Received from [REDACTED]
One Thousand no Dollars
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For Rent of 14440 - 14448 Gd. River
from Sep 19, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958
Oak Park Management Co.
by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he understood from his conversation with [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was an associate of JACK SHUBOW and that JACK SHUBOW stood behind anything which [REDACTED] did. [REDACTED] insisted that he had no other records disclosing the rental of this property to [REDACTED]. It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that due to the number of properties he handled and the fact that he handled 3 groups of properties owned by different owners it would be necessary for him to keep adequate records. [REDACTED] then explained that the records were kept at his home by his wife. [REDACTED] stated that he resided at [REDACTED] Michigan.

During the interview [REDACTED] called his wife by telephone and then advised that the journal in which the entry had been made for the rental of 14442 Grand River showed that the property had been rented to Rich-Mor Sales Co. [REDACTED] stated that he and his wife did not know why the rental was shown as made to Rich-Mor Sales Co., but assumed that JACK SHUBOW knew [REDACTED] and that SHUBOW could furnish full details regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] refused to allow Agents to examine the records for this rental. [REDACTED] further advised that a report had been made out for September, 1958 for rental of properties owned by Avon Building Co., who owned the Grand River property. [REDACTED] stated that the rental of \$1,000.00 had not been shown on the report sent to Mrs. [REDACTED] and that he nor his wife could not explain why the \$1,000.00 rental had been omitted from the report.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 11/18/58

LUDWIG ROHE, 12263 Longacre, Detroit, telephone VE 6-8151, bookkeeper for JACK SHUBOW, owner, Rich-Mor Sales Company, 13144 Linwood, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed at Rich-Mor Sales Company on the morning of October 27, 1958. ROHE advised that he was born March 18, 1913 at Cologne, Germany, and was naturalized at Fort Dix, New Jersey in 1942. ROHE said that he had been employed by Rich-Mor Sales Company as a bookkeeper since 1955.

ROHE stated that about the end of September, 1958, two men who represented themselves as owners of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, came to Rich-Mor Sales and talked to JACK SHUBOW. ROHE stated that he knew one of these men by the name of [redacted] and the other man as [redacted] last name not known. ROHE described [redacted] as a white male, [redacted] years of age, dark hair, dark complexion, neat appearance. He described [redacted] as a white male, [redacted] brown hair, light complexion.

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ROHE stated that to his knowledge, these two men were trying to set up a business in Detroit and that they had therefore moved all of their merchandise from Milwaukee to two locations in Detroit. One location was the Pollard Warehouse located at Prairie and Lyndon Streets in Detroit, and the other location was a vacant store formerly occupied by the Beverly Furniture Company at Grand River and Schoolcraft Streets in Detroit. ROHE stated that he was instructed by JACK SHUBOW to go to the vacant store at Grand River and Schoolcraft on about 3 occasions to check out merchandise which was to be shipped to customers who had been obtained by JACK SHUBOW. ROHE stated that he did as instructed and made up a long list of merchandise on columnar paper for each shipment. ROHE said that one truck load of merchandise was shipped to each of the following three customers:

1. Link Sales Company
Washington, D.C.

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10/27 and
on 11/1/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/12/58

by Special Agent (A) [redacted] and
SA (A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN

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2. Universal Associates
Charleston, West Virginia
3. Better Home Products Co.
Syracuse, New York

ROHE stated that he priced this merchandise from the original Scanlon invoices which were given to him by JACK SHUBOW and that the merchandise was listed on his columnar paper at the price appearing on the invoice. He estimated that each truck load of merchandise was worth about \$8,000.00. He said the merchandise was transported to each of the above mentioned customers by a Negro truck driver named

[redacted] who was employed by Scanlon's and who had the name "H & H" on the cab of his truck. ROHE said he noted that this truck also had Alabama license plates. ROHE said that the truck driver [redacted] took out his first load during the second week of October, about October 8 or 9, 1958, and would return to Detroit after delivery and obtain another load of merchandise. ROHE said that [redacted] took his last load of merchandise on Wednesday or Thursday, October 22 or 23, 1958, and that this last load of merchandise went to Better Home Products in Syracuse, New York.

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ROHE said that the bulk of Scanlon's merchandise was located at Pollard's Warehouse and that the value of the merchandise amounted to tens of thousands of dollars. He said the merchandise included housewares, toys, gas ranges, small electrical appliances, tools, etc. ROHE said that Scanlon's had a [redacted]
[redacted] who acted as receiving clerk for this merchandise whose name was [redacted]

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ROHE admitted that about September 27 or October 1, 1958, he went to the Pollard Warehouse and paid Pollard's \$400.00 in cash for the rent of the warehouse which was rented in the name of [redacted] ROHE stated that he got the \$400.00 in cash from JACK SHUBOW who had received the money from [redacted] ROHE said

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that he obtained a receipt for the \$100.00 and gave the receipt to either [redacted]. He said that at the time he made the \$400.00 payment for rental of the warehouse he did not know if Scanlon's had moved any merchandise into the warehouse.

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ROHE said that he had never heard of an individual named [redacted] from Scanlon's.

On November 1, 1958, LUDWIG ROHE voluntarily came to the Detroit Office with additional records of Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Company, which ROHE had neglected to bring when the records were produced due to a subpoena duces tecum.

At this time ROHE stated that he recalled that he had stopped at the Pollard Warehouse on a Wednesday or Thursday about the end of September, 1958, upon instructions of JACK SHUBOW to look over the Pollard Warehouse as to size, condition, etc. ROHE said he reported his observations to JACK SHUBOW and that on the following day he returned to the warehouse and made the \$400.00 rental payment.

Photographs of [redacted]
[redacted] were exhibited to ROHE. ROHE identified the picture of [redacted] as the [redacted] whose last name he did not know when interviewed on October 27, 1958. ROHE said he recalled that [redacted]

[redacted] Border Novelty Company in Detroit. ROHE identified the picture of [redacted] as the individual whom he knew as [redacted]

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ROHE said he further recalled that he had seen [redacted] at Rich-Mor Sales Company before he made the \$400.00 payment on the Pollard Warehouse and that he did not see [redacted] until after he had paid the rent on the Pollard Warehouse.

ROHE said that he went to the Pollard Warehouse on one occasion upon instructions of [redacted]
[redacted] or JACK SHUBOW to pick up some merchandise

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including cuff link sets, travel clocks and other small merchandise which he took to the store on Grand River to be included with a shipment of merchandise. ROHE said that he recalled that there were two additional customers of JACK SHUBOW's who received Scanlon's merchandise. One additional customer was JESS BERON, owner of Beron Distributing Company, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. ROHE said that BERON's merchandise came from the store rented on Grand River. ROHE stated the other additional customer of SHUBOW's was E & A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, however, ROHE said that no merchandise was shipped to E & A from either the store on Grand River or the Pollard Warehouse and that he did not know where E & A obtained their merchandise. He said he knew E & A received Scanlon's merchandise because Rich-Mor had received \$6,000.00 in checks from E & A and that \$3,000.00 of these E & A checks were returned for "not sufficient funds". He stated that Rich-Mor received a 5% commission on the \$3,000.00 received from E & A, Cleveland, Ohio. He said this \$3,000.00 from E & A was a part of the monies which were given to [redacted] or [redacted] by JACK SHUBOW.

ROHE stated that four checks were used to pay [redacted]. ROHE identified these checks in the Rich-Mor Cash Disbursements Journal as Check Nos. 2725, 2742, 2748 and 2751.

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Check No. 2725 is entered in the Cash Disbursements Journal, which shows this check is dated October 11, 1958, is drawn in favor of "exchange", in the amount of \$5,000.00. ROHE said that this check was payable to cash and that JACK SHUBOW cashed this check and gave the proceeds to [redacted]

Check No. 2742 is shown in the Cash Disbursements Journal as a "void" check under the date October 13, 1958.

Check No. 2748 is shown as a "void" check under the date October 14, 1958.

ROHE stated that Check No. 2742 was dated October 13, 1958, and was payable to cash in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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ROHE stated that Check No. 2748 is dated October 14, 1958, and was payable to cash in the amount of \$4,000.00. ROHE said these two checks were given to [redacted] and they were asked to put one check in the bank about October 22, 1958, and to put the other check in about October 29, 1958. ROHE said that when payment on these two checks was stopped on October 27, 1958, the Cash Disbursements Journal had not been completely entered for October and that when he made the entries for these two checks he therefore entered the checks as "void".

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Check No. 2751 is entered in the Cash Disbursements Journal showing the date as October 16, 1958, the amount \$2,000.00 and the check payable to "exchange". ROHE said that this check was made payable to cash and that the check was cashed by JACK SHUBOW and the proceeds given to [redacted]

ROHE pointed out that the total sales on which JACK SHUBOW was to receive a 5% commission amounted to \$19,000.00, however, this included the \$3,000.00 from E & A Sales Company, which checks were returned marked "not sufficient funds". ROHE said that SHUBOW's commission was therefore computed as 5% of \$16,000.00 making SHUBOW's commission \$800.00.

It was pointed out to ROHE that the entry in Rich-Mor books recording the \$800.00 commissions was entered under the date of October 28, 1958. ROHE stated that he made this entry of \$800.00 in the cash receipts journal for Rich-Mor on Tuesday, October 28, 1958, upon the instructions of JACK SHUBOW. ROHE said that SHUBOW gave him \$800.00 in cash in order to make the \$800.00 deposit in the bank.

It was also pointed out to ROHE that the names of [redacted] or [redacted] or Scanlon's did not appear on the check stubs or in the cash receipts or disbursements journals. ROHE said he did not record these names as the transactions were considered as an exchange of checks from SHUBOW's customers to [redacted] and [redacted] and that it was therefore not necessary in

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such an exchange of checks to record anyone's name. He said that when checks are returned from the bank he then knows who has cashed them.

ROHE further advised that there were four Negroes who worked loading and unloading merchandise at the store on Grand River whose names he only knew as [redacted] He said that he hired [redacted] and [redacted] from the neighborhood of Rich-Mor Sales Company.

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ROHE stated that all of the invoices from Scanlon's which he had had at one time were picked up, in one box, by [redacted]

ROHE also advised that frequently [redacted] needed money for payment of truck drivers and other expenses and that he would give [redacted] the necessary expense money which he needed. He said that he had at one time a complete list of these expenses and payments to [redacted] but that this document had been given to [redacted] at the same time that [redacted] obtained the invoices.

It was pointed out to ROHE that he had stated that [redacted] had picked up the invoices at Rich-Mor. ROHE said that he was not sure who picked up the invoices and that it was either [redacted] and that he also could not recall the exact date that this occurred.

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ROHE stated that he had neglected to bring the two NSF checks from E & A Sales Company. He said that he would obtain these checks and also would attempt to reconstruct the expenses paid for [redacted] and also make a list of payments made to [redacted]

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 12/1/58

LUDWIG ROHE, Bookkeeper for Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Company; JACK SHUBOW owner, stated that he had recalled that in May, 1958, [REDACTED] had sold merchandise to JESS BARON from Bell Novelty Company, East Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan. ROHE said that he had remembered seeing [REDACTED] at the Lancaster Warehouse located just beyond the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in May, 1958. ROHE said he asked JESS BERON on Monday, October 13, 1958, if [REDACTED] who was selling merchandise from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the same [REDACTED] from Bell Novelty Company and JESS BERON told him that this was the same [REDACTED]

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ROHE said that he worked for BERON when BERON purchased this merchandise in May, 1958, at the Lancaster Warehouse. He said he did not know how much merchandise there was but that JACK SHUBOW had advanced JESS BERON \$10,000.00 to pay for this merchandise. ROHE said SHUBOW deposited \$10,000.00 in cash in the Rich-Mor bank account and that three checks were drawn against this account; he believed in the amounts of \$4,000.00, \$4,400.00 and \$1,600.00. ROHE said that these three checks bear the endorsement of Admiral Finance Company. ROHE said that this \$10,000.00 payment may have been the wind-up of the Bell Novelty deal.

ROHE stated that the merchandise from Bell Novelty Company was all declared to Canadian customs and some of the merchandise was shipped to BERON's customers in Canada. The balance of the merchandise was placed in BERON's new store on Wyandotte Street in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. ROHE said that he personally observed this merchandise in the Lancaster Warehouse and that this merchandise bore labels from an Ohio source, either Dayton, Ohio or Cincinnati, Ohio. ROHE said he believed the name on the cartons was Approved Appliance Company.

Interview with LUDWIG ROHE File # DE 49-1185on 11/4/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/26/58

by Special Agent (A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN/nky

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

DATE: December 18, 1958

Date Dictated: 12/18/58

FROM: SA (A)

SUBJECT: aka:

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The following

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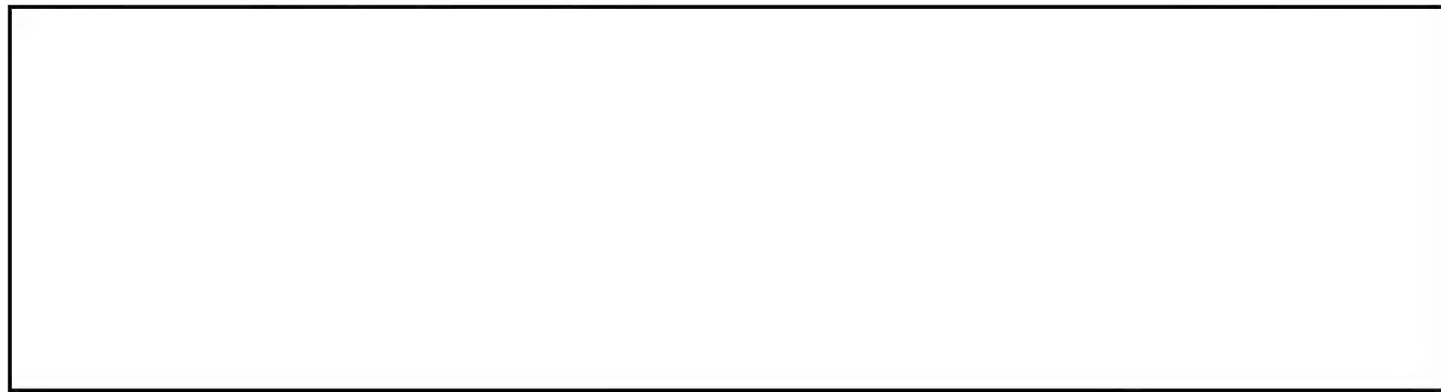
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-2185)

DATE: December 8, 1958

FROM: SA JOHN D. FUSELIER

Dictated: November 5, 1958

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka -

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On October 29, 1958, JESS J. BERON was telephonically contacted at Beron Distributing Co., 1352 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, at which time he agreed to an interview at the Detroit Office of the FBI.

BERON appeared at the office, where he was interviewed by SA (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER and SA(A) CURTIS L. HUSTRULID, and stated that he resides at 19451 Mark Twain Street, Detroit, is a citizen of the United States and owns and operates and houseware and appliance distributorship in Windsor, Canada. BERON stated he drives a 1958 white Lincoln Mark III.

BERON related that in mid October, 1958, he received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as the Beverly Furniture Co., on Grand River Avenue, Detroit, and this man wanted to know if he was interested in buying bankrupt stock. BERON said he went to the Beverly Furniture Store and was admitted by a young man. He said he looked at the merchandise which was offered for sale and that this merchandise was all in cartons and he had to rip open the cartons to examine the merchandise.

He said that a man who called himself [REDACTED] offered to sell him this merchandise at 50% of wholesale cost. He advised this man had invoices for the merchandise and that he picked out about \$2,400 worth of merchandise. He stated that [REDACTED] did not want a check, however, to make a deal [REDACTED] finally accepted a check made out to cash, dated November 30, 1958,

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and drawn on the Imperial Bank of Canada in the account of his business, Beron Distributing Co.

BERON advised that while he was in the store on this date LUDWIG ROHE, whom he knows very well from Rich-Mor Sales Co., came in with a buyer from out of town who also looked at the merchandise. BERON said that he transported the merchandise he had purchased on the next day and that he had customs forms for this merchandise which he was willing to make available to the Detroit Office.

BERON further advised that approximately one week later, which would be about October 20 or 21, 1958, a man came to see him and identified himself as [redacted]

[redacted] stated he understood that he, BERON, could use some merchandise and offered him a nice deal and stated he had over \$100,000 worth of merchandise to sell him at about 35% of wholesale cost. BERON stated he did not like the deal as he was afraid of it and then [redacted] asked him if he would find buyers for the merchandise on a 5% commission basis.

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He further advised that [redacted] had told him that Rich-Mor Sales had the key to the warehouse and that LUDWIG had the invoices for the merchandise and would show it to him.

BERON stated that on Wednesday, October 22, 1958, a salesman whom he has supplied in the past, named [redacted] had told him that he knew some one who could use a lot of merchandise at a good price. He said that [redacted] later that day, brought in TONY and that he and BERON took TONY and another man in his car to Rich-Mor. He told LUDWIG that TONY was interested in buying the merchandise and wanted to see it. As JACK SHUBOW, the owner of Rich-Mor, was not in the office, LUDWIG accompanied him to the B. J. Pollard Warehouse on Prairie Street and LUDWIG, who had a key, opened the warehouse. BERON stated that when he saw the immense quantity of merchandise in this warehouse, he was amazed and thought to himself "where in the world did all this stuff come from?"

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BERON related that TONY looked at the merchandise for about ten minutes and stated that this was beautiful merchandise and he was of the opinion that he could make a lot of money on the deal. He said TONY indicated he would buy all of the merchandise.

He said that after TONY had examined some of the invoices which LUDWIG had in envelopes in a large cardboard carton, he had driven TONY back to Detroit where TONY got out of the car at the entrance of the Windsor Tunnel and he had driven the other man to Downtown Windsor. BERON said the other man had not said two words during the afternoon and that no one had talked to him and he had no idea who this other man was.

BERON stated that to his knowledge TONY had not paid anyone any money on this date and that he had not seen [redacted] on that day at the Pollard Warehouse.

BERON stated he did not hear anything from [redacted] during the rest of that day, however, he had expected a call from him. BERON stated that the next he knew about this deal was on Monday, October 27, 1958, when he called JACK SHUBOW at Rich-Mor, around ten in the morning and SHUBOW stated he could not talk to him at that time because his place was surrounded by FBI Agents.

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BERON further advised that later that day he had visited JACK SHUBOW and SHUBOW had told him that a fellow named [redacted] had bought the merchandise from the original buyer, that the deal had gotten too big for [redacted] had to leave town.

He stated that on Monday, October 23, 1958, TONY had called him and told him the FBI had arrested him at the warehouse and that if BERON were questioned in this matter TONY had told him that he should tell the FBI that TONY had bought the merchandise in good faith.

In reviewing the above information with BERON, he furnished the following additional information:

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He said that on Thursday, October 23, 1958, he was supposed to meet TONY at Rich-Mor Sales so that they could arrange to load and price the merchandise. He said that after waiting about 2½ hours, TONY appeared at the back door of Rich-Mor Sales' Office and motioned him to his car. He said he got into TONY's car and there was another man who was a big guy, in the back seat and this big man said "We are taking over" in a threatening tone of voice. BERON said he then inquired "This is a heist?" and the big guy answered "something like that."

He said that TONY and the big guy then drove him in their car to the Pollard Warehouse and TONY expected a truck to be there soon to start loading the merchandise. BERON said he tryed to talk TONY out of taking the merchandise and told him they could not get away with it. He said the big guy then said "The stuff didn't belong to them" (meaning SHUBOW and [redacted], "It is ours as much as theirs."

BERON said that he was afraid of TONY and the big guy at this point and he told them several times they could not get away with it. He said that TONY or the big guy had said that people all over Detroit are looking for this stuff and we found it.

At this point in the interview, [redacted] Attorney, appeared at the Detroit Office, stated that although he did not know JESS BERON, understood that he was to represent him and requested a short conference with BERON. [redacted] discussed this matter with BERON for a few minutes and then requested that the interview be terminated for that day and that BERON would return to the Detroit Office to complete the interview on the following morning.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M - U N I T E D S T A T E S G O V E R N M E N T

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185) DATE: December 19, 1958
FROM: SA(A) [redacted] Date Dictated: 12/18/58
SUBJECT: [redacted], aka;
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NBA; ITSP

On October 30 and 31, 1958, JESS JOSEPH BERON, 19451
Mark Twain, Detroit, Michigan, Owner of Beron Distributing
Company, 1352 Wyandotte Street, East Windsor, Ontario, Canada,
was interviewed in the FBI Office, Detroit, by SA(A) [redacted]
[redacted] SA(A) CURTIS L. HISTRULID and SA DOUGLAS W. HIBBE.

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On November 3, 1958, Mr. BERON was interviewed by
SA(A) [redacted] and SA HIBBE. These interviews were conducted
after Mr. BERON had discussed this matter with his attorney,
[redacted] and both Mr. BERON and Mr. [redacted] indicated
on October 30, 1958, and several times thereafter, that Mr.
BERON wanted to cooperate in this matter as much as he could and
that he was willing to furnish a signed statement covering the
information furnished by him.

During the interviews of Mr. BERON on October 30 and
31, 1958, it was determined that he has hypertension; that he
sees his doctor once or twice a year; that he takes a pill for
his condition approximately once every three or four weeks;
and that his doctor is Doctor [redacted] Battle Creek Sanatorium,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

On October 30, 1958, Mr. BERON advised that on
approximately October 9, 1958, he received a phone call from
JACK SHUBOW, Owner of Rich-Mor Sales Company, 13144 Linwood,
Detroit, a long-time friend and business associate, at which
time SHUBOW advised him that he had a "distress shipment of
merchandise" for sale and wanted BERON to look at it since he
(SHUBOW) had other buyers coming in to Detroit from Syracuse,
New York, Charleston, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Mr.
BERON stated that on that same date SHUBOW took him to the
Beverly Furniture and Appliance Company, Grand River Avenue,
Detroit, where the merchandise was stored and that he and one

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of his employees, [redacted] picked out \$2,490.99 worth of merchandise, at his cost, which was \$.50 to \$.60 on the dollar. BERON estimated the invoice cost of the merchandise as being \$4,200.00. He stated that SHUBOW wanted cash for the merchandise but refused to take a postdated check offered by BERON and finally told BERON to take it on a 30-day credit basis.

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Mr. BERON advised that SHUBOW told him that the merchandise was bankrupt stock from Scanlon Radio and Music Shop (Scanlon), Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that [redacted] and [redacted] were representing the owner who was in Milwaukee. Mr. BERON stated that he previously knew [redacted] when [redacted] was associated with the Border Sales Company, Detroit, and that he previously knew [redacted] from [redacted] previous employment at Rich-Mor Sales Company.

On this same date, October 30, 1958, Mr. BERON identified a photograph of [redacted] as being the person of that same name mentioned by him and identified a photograph of [redacted] as being identical with the person known to him as [redacted]

Mr. BERON stated that while at the Beverly Furniture and Appliance Company, LUDWIG ROHE, Bookkeeper for JACK SHUBOW's Rich-Mor Sales Company, showed him invoices for the merchandise, which invoices were from the various manufacturers to Scanlon, in Milwaukee. He advised that HARRY MARKUM, a wholesale distributor from Syracuse, New York, whom he has known for several years, was also looking at the Scanlon merchandise at the same time, but that he does not know how much merchandise MARKUM purchased. BERON advised that MARKUM was the individual mentioned by him and described as having a withered hand during his interview on the previous day. Mr. BERON also stated that he saw [redacted] a wholesale distributor from Charleston, West Virginia, and [redacted] a distributor from Washington, D.C., at SHUBOW's place of business on this same afternoon and that they were also there to look at the Scanlon merchandise.

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BERON advised that the Canadian declaration forms, known as M.A. Forms, for the shipment of the merchandise he

bought were filled out by [REDACTED] and ROHE and show that the merchandise was purchased from the Beverly Furniture and Appliance Company and contain a signature in the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as being a representative of that company. He stated that he did not know anyone named [REDACTED] and did not know who wrote this name on the M.A. Forms. He also advised that he still had approximately \$1,200.00 worth of the merchandise and that he would not dispose of it until contacted by the receiver in bankruptcy.

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BERON stated that on approximately October 20, 1958, following a phone call from SHUBOW, [REDACTED] contacted him at his (BERON's) place of business in Windsor, Canada, and offered to sell him a big quantity of merchandise; that he told [REDACTED] that he did not have the money to purchase a big quantity of merchandise; that [REDACTED] told him that if he (BERON) paid the Canadian duty to have the merchandise brought into Canada, he would not have to pay [REDACTED] for the merchandise until it was sold; that [REDACTED] estimated that the duty would be between \$35,000.00 and \$45,000.00 or between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00; that he told [REDACTED] he could not raise that much money for the duty; but that he (BERON) may be able to find someone who would be willing to buy it on that basis; that [REDACTED] said the buyer must be willing to buy the whole lot; and that [REDACTED] agreed the buyer would be able to take out enough merchandise to cover the duty money right away. BERON stated that [REDACTED] told him that the buyer could have his attorney make out an invoice or bill of sale anyway he wanted it written, and the owner of the merchandise would sign it; that he had left the key to the warehouse, where the merchandise was stored, with LUDWIG ROHE; that ROHE also had the invoices for the merchandise at Rich-Mor Sales Company; and that if he found a buyer, he should contact JACK SHUBOW.

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BERON advised he contacted several business associates one of whom was [REDACTED] Windsor, Canada; that [REDACTED] was shown the Scanlon invoices by JACK SHUBOW at Rich-Mor Sales Company on October 21, 1958; and that [REDACTED] called his attorney and advised BERON he would let him know what the attorney said as soon as he heard the results of a check to be made in Milwaukee by the attorney.

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BERON stated that on the next morning, Wednesday, October 22, 1958, he was contacted by a man who called himself TONY KRITCH or KRITCHNER, whom he identified as ANTHONY THOMAS from photographs exhibited to him, and one [redacted] or [redacted] whom he had previously asked about buying the large quantity of merchandise; that TONY stated he was interested in the merchandise; that he (BERON) told TONY the only way TONY could buy the merchandise would be to bring it to Canada; and that TONY stated he wanted the merchandise for his nephew, whom he was giving a last chance to own his own business, and after the first sales to cover the duty money was returned to TONY he wanted BERON to handle things for his nephew and to split the profits half and half after business costs. BERON stated that later that day, he drove TONY and another man, whose first name may be [redacted] over to Rich-Mor Sales Company where TONY was shown Scanlon invoices by SHUBOW; that after this LUDWIG ROHE showed BERON and TONY the Scanlon merchandise that was stored in a Detroit warehouse on Prairie Street, while [redacted] stood at the warehouse door; and that TONY said it looked like they could make some money on it and that it was a deal. BERON advised that later that day he received a call from [redacted] and met him on Erie Street, Windsor, Canada; that [redacted] said TONY wanted to bind the deal and wanted to give him a deposit; that he (BERON) told [redacted] that he did not want a deposit since it was not necessary in a deal of that type; that [redacted] stated TONY wanted to bind the deal and wanted to give BERON a deposit then; and that [redacted] gave [redacted] \$5,000.00 in cash and he gave [redacted] a receipt showing the money had been received on that date from [redacted] whose last name he cannot recall, and signed his (BERON's) own name to the receipt.

BERON stated that he still had the deposit money and had \$4,500.00 of the actual money received from [redacted] set aside and that the other \$500.00 had been used in making change.

BERON advised that he was supposed to meet TONY at Rich-Mor Sales Company on the following morning, Thursday, October 23, 1958, to make arrangements to get the merchandise out of the warehouse; that while he was waiting for TONY he got the key to the warehouse from ROHE; and that when TONY arrived he motioned for BERON to follow him outside where he and TONY got in the back seat of an automobile which was driven by a "big man"

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described as white, male, age [redacted] weighing [redacted]
pounds, medium build, dark complexion, black hair and [redacted]
[redacted] BERON examined
a group of photographs and picked out the pictures of [redacted]

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[redacted] as closely resembling the "big guy" who was the driver of the automobile. BERON advised that as soon as he got in the car the big guy started driving and drove them over to the warehouse on Prairie Street; that on the way over, the big guy said "You know what this is! We're taking over," and that the merchandise was as much theirs as anyone else's since it was stolen; that he (BERON) asked if that was a "heist" and the big guy said "yes!"; and that the big guy said he would not get into trouble if he kept his mouth shut. BERON stated that after they got to the warehouse the big guy told him that if he did not keep his mouth shut, TONY would take care of him since TONY had already served time for "double murder." He advised that he was afraid they would kill him so he shut up but he denied that anyone threatened him with a knife or gun.

Throughout the interview of BERON on October 30, 1958, he denied that there was anyone else in the car except TONY, the big guy and himself and when specifically asked whether or not he saw the fourth man at the warehouse, he said that there was no one else there other than the three of them. However, on October 31, 1958, BERON admitted that there was another man in the car, sitting beside the driver, and that on the previous day he had set aside a photograph of SAMUEL SALVATORE FINAZZO because the picture closely resembled the man who was sitting in the front seat beside the big guy. BERON maintained that the big guy did all of the talking, but that while they were waiting for one of their trucks to arrive they all moved cartons of Scanlon merchandise to the door of the warehouse and then helped load the truck.

BERON stated that SHUBOW was in Kalamazoo, Michigan on that date; that he contacted him by phone and told him about the "Italians taking the merchandise;" that he made arrangements to see SHUBOW in Detroit on the following day, Friday, October 24,

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1958; that prior to meeting SHUBOW he drove over to the warehouse and TONY and the big guy were there with other men loading Scanlon's merchandise on a truck; that he told them he had contacted the owner of the merchandise and the owner was going to call the police if they were still there when he came over; that the big guy said the owner could not call the police because the merchandise was stolen anyway; that he met SHUBOW as arranged; and that SHUBOW contacted [redacted] who was staying at a Detroit motel, through the Admiral Finance Company, West Warren, Detroit; and that he told [redacted] what had happened, and [redacted] said there was nothing he could do so he was going to contact [redacted].

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BERON advised that on the following morning, Saturday, October 25, 1958, he met [redacted] in a Detroit restaurant and told his story again; that both [redacted] tried to figure out who the hoodlums were and wondered if one of the truck drivers had told them about the warehouse; and that JACK SHUBOW came to the restaurant shortly after he arrived.

BERON advised that on Monday morning, October 27, 1958, he received a phone call from TONY who insisted that BERON had been at a meeting at Rich-Mor Sales Company that morning which was also attended by [redacted] that TONY wanted to know what the FBI men, who were also there, had said to him; and that BERON thought TONY was lying so he called SHUBOW who stated that Agents of the FBI were at his place then.

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BERON stated that Monday afternoon he received a call from [redacted] who said that TONY wanted his \$5,000.00 deposit back; that he (BERON) told [redacted] he would return the money if TONY returned the receipt, and that [redacted] said they would not return the receipt, therefore BERON did not return the deposit.

BERON advised that Monday night he received a phone call he believes was from the big guy; that the big guy told him that the FBI would be talking to him and he had better tell the FBI that TONY had bought the merchandise from him in a legitimate deal and was going to take it to Canada; that he also told BERON that TONY had to talk to the FBI at 10 o'clock the

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following morning, Tuesday, October 28, 1958, and they wanted a receipt from BERON, signed in the name of [REDACTED] showing that the merchandise had been sold on October 22, 1958, to ANTHONY THOMAS; and that BERON was to bring the receipt to a Detroit restaurant between 9:00 and 9:15 AM, Tuesday.

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BERON advised that he was afraid so he contacted JACK SHUBOW who told him to have someone else write the receipt; that on Tuesday morning he had [REDACTED] one of his employees, write the receipt; that when he got to the restaurant TONY was waiting for him; and that TONY told him he was to tell the FBI that TONY had made a legitimate purchase on October 22, 1958.

On October 31, 1958, BERON advised that on the previous evening he had received a phone call from an unknown man who identified himself as a friend of TONY; that he was told TONY wanted him to go to the office of [REDACTED] 2256 Penobscot Building, Detroit, TONY's attorney, at 12 noon the next day, October 31, 1958; that he arrived at [REDACTED] office as told to do and met TONY and an unknown friend of TONY in the anteroom of the attorney's office; and that BERON and TONY went into the office of [REDACTED] where TONY did most of the talking and told BERON he knew everything about the law covering the purchase of merchandise like he had made and everything was legal concerning his dealings with BERON; that he was in the attorney's office approximately 10 to 15 minutes when Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was unable to devote more time to the matter and BERON should return on Monday, November 3, 1958.

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On October 31, 1958, BERON made available his copies of the Canadian declaration forms (M.A. Forms) covering his purchase of Scanlon merchandise.

On October 31, 1958, BERON advised that he was first contacted by TONY through [REDACTED] who called him on October 21 or 22, 1958, and said that he had a friend named [REDACTED] who was interested in the merchandise; that he did not recall [REDACTED] last name, however, he was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Erie-Bakery, Erie Street, Windsor, Canada; that on October 22, 1958, he went to the Erie Bakery and went inside

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and talked to [redacted] while [redacted] waited out front on the sidewalk; that [redacted] told him [redacted] TONY was going to give him a last chance to own a business of his own and was interested in the merchandise BERON had to sell; that TONY was expected to come over to Canada in about an hour; and that shortly afterward TONY and [redacted] contacted BERON at BERON's place of business following which he (BERON) took them over to Rich-Mor Sales Company, Detroit, where he and TONY talked to JACK SHUBOW while [redacted] waited in the car.

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As previously mentioned, BERON admitted on October 31, 1958, that there were three persons in the car on October 23, 1958, in addition to himself when he was told that the merchandise was being taken over and that the picture of FINAZZO closely resembles the man who was sitting in the front seat beside the driver.

On October 31, 1958, BERON furnished the following descriptions:

4th Man - Up front as passenger

Height
Build
Hair
Age
Complexion

[redacted]
Dark
At least 40

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Characteristics

Car

[redacted]

TONY THOMAS

| | |
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| Height | 5' 7" |
| Weight | 160 lbs. |
| Build | Slight |
| Hair | Receding, gray on temples, rest dark thin hair |

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| Age | 45 |
| Complexion | Sallow |
| Characteristics | High forehead; spoke English with slight accent - also spoke another language, possibly Italian; possibly of Italian nationality; wore dark suit, sport shirt, no hat and no glasses |

[redacted] (full name unknown)

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| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] |
| Build | [redacted] |
| Age | [redacted] |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Complexion | [redacted] |
| Characteristics | [redacted] |

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[redacted]
Dark, combed back

Fair

Big fellow

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| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] |
| Build | [redacted] |
| Complexion | [redacted] |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Age | [redacted] |
| Characteristics | [redacted] |

[redacted]
Dark
Black

Car

BERON maintained on October 31, 1958, that he did not know the identity of the man who was with TONY in the anteroom of the attorney's office that morning; however, on November 3,

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1958, he admitted that the person was [redacted]
[redacted] (BERON) [redacted]

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[redacted] he had mentioned that he was trying to find someone who wanted to buy the large quantity of merchandise.

On November 3, 1958, BERON advised that on Saturday, November 1, 1958, he had received a call from [redacted] to come down to the Tunnel Bar-B-Q, Windsor, Canada, since he and [redacted] wanted to talk to BERON, and that when he got to the restaurant [redacted] told him he did not care who got hurt in "this thing," but that he did not want his friend [redacted] to get hurt and he wanted [redacted] kept out of it.

BERON also stated, on November 3, 1958, that on Wednesday, October 29, 1958, following a call from [redacted] he had lunch with [redacted] and an unknown man, described as white, age [redacted] lbs., but that he did not recall what was discussed at this meeting.

BERON also advised that it was approximately one or two days after he, TONY and [redacted] were at the Prairie Street warehouse; that he heard from [redacted] that the authorities in Milwaukee were looking for a man named [redacted] who was the owner of Scanlon's, because he had skipped out with several hundred thousand dollars worth of merchandise and that [redacted] did not want to have anything to do with the Scanlon merchandise since it was apparently stolen.

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[redacted] BERON also stated that he believes his employees. [redacted] and [redacted] were present when [redacted] came to his place of business and offered to sell him the merchandise.

On November 3, 1958, BERON indicated that he was considering changing attorneys, however, that he was going to cooperate in this matter as much as he could and that he would furnish a signed statement covering the information furnished by him.

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On November 6, 1958, Mr. BERON and his attorney, [redacted] 1512 Dime Building, Detroit, were interviewed at the FBI Office, Detroit. Mr. [redacted] advised that he and Mr. BERON intend to cooperate in the investigation of this matter as much as possible and that they are willing for Mr. BERON to furnish a signed statement concerning the information already furnished by him; however, they would not consent to having Mr. BERON interviewed further without Mr. [redacted] being present during the interview.

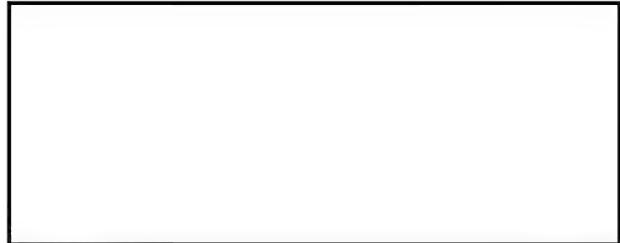
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The following description of BERON was obtained on October 31, 1958, by SA HIBBE from interrogation and personal observations:

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| Name | JESS JOSEPH BERON |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | January 22, 1903 |
| Place of birth | Syracuse, New York |
| Address and phone | 19451 Mark Twain, Detroit 35, Michigan, UN 4-4966 |
| Height | 5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | 160 lbs. |
| Build | Medium |
| Hair | Dark brown, turning gray, balding at crown |
| Eyes | Brown, wears horn-rimmed glasses |
| Complexion | Ruddy |
| Business | Beron Distributing Company, 1352 Wyandotte Street, East, Windsor, Canada, phone CL 3-9903 |
| Education | Finished 8th grade |
| Social Security No. | Unknown |
| Relatives | Father - JACOB BERON (deceased) Mother - IDA BERON, nee HARRISON (deceased) |
| | Wife - [redacted] |

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Military service
Arrests

None

None

Traffic arrests in Detroit - 6
1937 through early 1940's
1956 Meteor - Ontario plate -
green
1958 Lincoln Mark III, white
1956 Chevrolet - green

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On the following dates Mr. [redacted] 1512 Dime Building, Detroit, attorney for JESS JOSEPH BERON, was contacted by SA(A) [redacted] or attempts were made to contact him, in order to arrange for BERON to read the statement prepared from the information furnished by BERON:

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November 12, 14, 18, 21 and 24, 1958

On November 24, 1958, Mr. [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that, as previously mentioned by him, he intended to have his client JESS BERON furnish a signed statement; that there were two or three things that BERON had told the FBI that he wanted to change; that at this time BERON was not in any mental condition to discuss this matter or to furnish a statement; that this investigation had nothing to do with BERON's condition; that [redacted]

[redacted] that he [redacted] would advise SA(A) [redacted] when he considered his client to be physically able to discuss this case and to furnish a statement; and that it would possibly be during the following week.

On October 31, 1958, Lieutenant [redacted] Detroit Police Department, Vice Bureau, advised SA(A) [redacted] that [redacted]

furnished the following descriptions of [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] of the Vice Bureau [redacted]

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Build | [redacted] |
| Complexion | [redacted] |
| Country of birth | [redacted] |

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On October 31, 1958, [REDACTED] Macomb County Sheriff's Office, and Mrs. [REDACTED] Macomb County Probation Office, both of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, advised SA [REDACTED] that their files contained no photograph of [REDACTED]

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On the following dates the persons indicated advised SA(A) [REDACTED] that their files contained no photograph identifiable with [REDACTED]

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Person Contacted</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/3/58 | [REDACTED] Identification Bureau Detroit Police Department |
| 11/4/58 | Corporal [REDACTED] Michigan State Police Center Line, Michigan |
| 11/5/58 | ARTHUR E. LOUWERS, Chief of Police Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan |

[REDACTED] On November 13, 1958, spot checks were made by SA(A) and SA HIBBE of the following places in an unsuccessful attempt to locate Subjects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Northern Discount Company
6853 West Warren
Detroit

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Pallister Motel
Woodward Avenue
Detroit

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) Date: 11/4/58

FROM: SA(A) [redacted]
SUBJECT: [redacted] aka -
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On October 27, 1958, Mrs. [redacted], Michigan, telephone [redacted] was interviewed by SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted]. She stated that she had received a telephone call from Milwaukee, Wisconsin from her [redacted] one [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that [redacted] was employed in Milwaukee by the [redacted] and that when [redacted] called he advised her that he was leaving Milwaukee to come to Detroit and that [redacted] is presently residing at her residence and expects to be transferred to Chicago on or about November 3, 1958.

[redacted] employer may be the [redacted])

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was presently working for the [redacted] in Detroit and that her husband was employed by [redacted] located on Meyers Road, Detroit. Mrs. [redacted] stated that her husband or [redacted] never worked for [redacted] in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Michigan, telephone number [redacted] formerly [redacted] [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of Scanlon Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that he did not know anyone by the name of [redacted]. He advised that his [redacted] goes with a fellow named [redacted] who formerly had [redacted] [redacted] on Grand River near West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, which business went bankrupt approximately a year or so ago. He stated that [redacted] is divorced from [redacted] last known address [redacted] Detroit, who is presently employed by the Ford Motor Company, phone [redacted] extention [redacted]. He said that he, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] were now taking care of [redacted]. According to [redacted] the last time he saw [redacted] was a week ago Sunday, which would have been on October 19, 1958, and that [redacted] is now working for [redacted] in Chicago. He stated that [redacted] owned a [redacted] color cream and bronze and that she uses this car when she is in Detroit, but that she has been attempting to sell it for some time.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] home is in Detroit and that his [redacted] now lives at [redacted] Detroit, phone [redacted] and that [redacted] goes to see [redacted] and [redacted] at that address when he is in Detroit.

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[redacted] advised that he had recently had his telephone number changed because approximately five or seven weeks ago the telephone operators started calling their old number to determine who had placed calls to that number from an unrecalled place in Canada and Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] [redacted] had contacted them earlier that day and had advised that [redacted] had been questioned by the FBI in connection with his employment at a warehouse in Detroit. [redacted] stated that he had no information in

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Interview with [redacted] File # DE 49-1185

on 10/27/58 at [redacted] Michigan Date dictated 11/12/58

by Special Agent (A) W [redacted] and

SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN/nky

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connection with the work performed by [redacted]

He advised that [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] formerly sold
[redacted] and that [redacted] sold [redacted]
[redacted] from door to door prior to going into the [redacted]
business for himself.

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[redacted] stated that when [redacted]
is in the Detroit area she always stayed at a motel,
the location of which is unknown to him.

He advised that [redacted] would
be in a position to furnish more information in regard
to [redacted] and her relationship with [redacted]
and that she would not be available for interview until
the following morning, October 28, 1958.

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Mrs. [redacted] Michigan, advised SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN and SA(A) [redacted] on October 28, 1958, that [redacted] on [redacted] had been going with [redacted] for [redacted]. [redacted] said that [redacted] had worked for [redacted] at Coronet Sewing Machine Co., on Grand River and also at Grand Sales Company, West Chicago Avenue or Joy Road in Detroit. [redacted] said that Grand Sales Company closed about March, April, or May, 1958, and that [redacted] and [redacted] then moved to Chicago. She said that prior to this [redacted] and [redacted] had lived in a new housing development at [redacted].

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Mrs. [redacted] said that she had never heard of the name Scanlon's and did not know of [redacted] ever working in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She said she believed that [redacted] and [redacted] may have been in the appliance business in Chicago.

[redacted] from [redacted] said that [redacted] was about [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] said she takes care of these [redacted] children permanently and that [redacted] pays her a substantial amount for the care of the [redacted] children and that [redacted] buys the clothes for the children. [redacted] said that she receives a check from the Friend of the Court in the amount of \$8.00 per week and that she also receives a monthly check from [redacted] drawn on either Manufacturers National Bank or National Bank of Detroit. [redacted] stated, however, that in the past few months these checks have been mailed to her from Chicago.

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Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] was [redacted] from [redacted] and that the [redacted] had [redacted] children. Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] has custody of the [redacted] children and that [redacted] supports them.

Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] was in Detroit for about four or five days during the middle of October and had stayed with her for two days. [redacted] said that [redacted] left Detroit on Wednesday, October 22, 1958, via American

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by Special Agents (A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN, [redacted] and [redacted]

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Airlines. [redacted] said that she did not know where [redacted] was going but she believed it was either to Chicago or Milwaukee. [redacted] stated that she had [redacted] address and telephone number in Chicago but she refused to make this information available. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was very upset because [redacted] had been interviewed by FBI Agents. [redacted] said that she did not want to cause [redacted] any trouble and that this was the basis for her refusal to reveal [redacted] address and telephone number.

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[redacted] stated that she had not seen [redacted] since about the end of September, 1958, at which time [redacted] dropped [redacted] off at the [redacted] residence. [redacted] said that [redacted] was driving a [redacted] colored Cadillac and that she believes that [redacted] had also gone hunting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan during October. [redacted] stated that she had met a friend of [redacted] named [redacted] about a year ago. [redacted] stated that [redacted] also had a Cadillac and that he came to the [redacted] residence on one occasion to pick up [redacted] car, a [redacted]

Photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] were exhibited to [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was identical with the photograph of [redacted] and that she believed the individual she knew as [redacted] was identical with the photograph of [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had left her [redacted] in Detroit with a used car dealer in order that the car might be sold. She said she did not know where the car was located.

Later in the afternoon of October 28, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] was reinterviewed at her request. At this time Mrs. [redacted] stated that upon giving further consideration to this matter, she now desired to furnish the following additional information:

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Mrs. [redacted] said that about a week ago a male Negro named [redacted] who has worked with [redacted] and [redacted] Coronet Sewing Machine Company, came to

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[redacted] home in an orange painted van and told [redacted] that [redacted] stated that all of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] said that in view of the present investigation and [redacted] strange activities in the last month she knew that something was wrong and that [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] address in Chicago was [redacted] and her telephone number was [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] nee [redacted] was born on [redacted] at [redacted] that she was tall, [redacted] pounds, had [redacted] hair and [redacted] eyes. [redacted] said that [redacted] that her mother is deceased and that [redacted] for the State of Michigan at Gladstone.

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SA [redacted] advised SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN and [redacted] on October 29, 1958, that she had recalled some additional information since she was interviewed on October 28, 1958, and she furnished the following:

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[redacted] has a friend in Detroit named [redacted] who is [redacted] of Northern Discount Corporation. [redacted] may be an officer of Northern Discount because she had to come to Detroit about October 15, 1958, in order to sign some papers at Northern Discount. The man who was trying to sell [redacted] car in Detroit was [redacted] Detroit, a salesman of Cadillac automobiles. [redacted] sold [redacted] Cadillac and arranges for cars for [redacted] when [redacted] is in Detroit. [redacted] let [redacted] (last name unknown) use [redacted] car, which made [redacted] angry and therefore [redacted] took her car away from [redacted] and asked [redacted] to sell it for her. On Thursday, October 23, [redacted] called [redacted] and said to hide her car. [redacted] did not say why she wanted her car hidden. [redacted] car was presently at the home of [redacted] and [redacted] intended to sell the car as soon as possibly.

[redacted] and [redacted] were believed to have had a [redacted] in Chicago. Another couple with whom [redacted] and [redacted] associate lived within walking

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distance in Chicago but [redacted] does not recall their names. [redacted] and [redacted] also have friends in [redacted] named [redacted] and [redacted] who [redacted] business in either [redacted] or [redacted] set [redacted] up in this business. About a week ago [redacted] went hunting near Iron Mountain, Michigan. Someone picked him up at an airport about 100 miles from where he went hunting. [redacted] was at the [redacted] residence about two weeks ago and asked [redacted] in [redacted] and shortly thereafter either [redacted] or [redacted] both male Negroes, or the two of them, came with the truck [redacted]. Occasionally [redacted] would come to the house and pick up [redacted] children for a visit with [redacted]

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On October 30, 1958, [redacted] telephonically advised SA(A) [redacted] that she had just received information from a friend, whom she declined to identify, to the effect that [redacted] wanted [redacted] to call [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, phone number DE 2-8427, which was believed to be a public pay phone. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she intended to call [redacted] and advise her to turn herself over to the FBI.

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Later that same date, Mrs. [redacted] advised that [redacted] refused to disclose her Chicago residence; stated that she did not know anything about Scanlon Radio and Music Shop; that she did not know that [redacted] and that they belonged to [redacted] and [redacted] and that she intended to contact the FBI.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM United States Government
TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) Date: November 21, 1958
FROM: SA ROBERT P. KEEHAN Date Dictated: 11/21/58
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka-
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NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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On October 28, 1958, SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN and SA(A) [REDACTED] returned to the residence of [REDACTED] Michigan, at the request of Mr. [REDACTED] of Mrs. [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] had been interviewed shortly before this time and Mr. [REDACTED] arrived at the [REDACTED] residence during this interview.

[REDACTED] had advised that he knew very little of [REDACTED] activities and he did not have her present address. He said that [REDACTED] generally came to see him when [REDACTED] came to Detroit and that the last time he saw her was when he drove [REDACTED] to the airport on Wednesday, October 22, 1958, where she was taking a plane to Chicago.

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Upon arrival at the [REDACTED] residence, Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had talked to [REDACTED] and that they had decided to cooperate in this investigation. Mr. [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] was in Detroit about a week ago she had given him a new [REDACTED] with Serial Number [REDACTED] on the case. He said that [REDACTED] told him this was a gift from her and [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] accompanied SA(A) KEEHAN and SA(A) [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] residence and [REDACTED]

An inventory was taken of this merchandise and is as follows:

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1. Two wooden crates marked,
"Glass", approximate size,
5' x 1' x 3"

These two crates were from the Store Equipment Company, 1837 South Flower, Los Angeles 15, California. Both crates had the name "Scanlon's Radio Music Shop, 707 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin," written in crayon on the wooden crates. This name was lightly scratched on one crate and heavily scratched on the second crate.

2. Three cardboard crates
approximate size,
7' x 4' x 1'

The carton was torn and the contents appeared to be a wooden showcase. These three cartons had gum tape on them bearing the name Store Equipment Company, 1837 South Flower Street, Los Angeles 15, California. These three cardboard crates exhibited evidence that the shipping labels had been torn off.

3. One wooden box approximate size, 4' x 6" x 4" with the end marked "6 x 48 shelves -25 lites".

The above wooden box was from Store Equipment Company, 1837 South Flower Street, Los Angeles 15, California.

4. One Noble shotgun, model 60 with choke, Serial Number 12G 900, manufactured by Noble Manufacturing Company, Inc., Haydenville, Massachusetts

This shotgun was in a cardboard box with no label and the box had [redacted] written on the carton.

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5. One "Red Head" sporting outfit,
yellow in color

This outfit was from Red Head Brand Company, Chicago, Illinois, and had a label with the marking, "YIG Coat Ex - Lge". This outfit also included a hood.

6. One Nadco Golf Cart "500".

This cart was in carton number 70660 from Eastern Golf Company, 2537 Bronx, New York. The shipping label on this carton was torn off.

7. One broken box approximate size 12" x 4" x 4" containing shelving brackets

8. Two folding chairs
trade name "Solid Kumfort"
manufactured by Louis Rastetter & Sons Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The following merchandise was inventoried by SA(A)

[redacted]
9. One Hi-Standard Pistol, Sentinel,
.22 Caliber, 9 shot, Serial Number R-101 759623

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This pistol had a gold or bronze frame with a white bone handle, was in a wooden chest and was manufactured by Hi-Standard Manufacturing Corporation, Hamden, Connecticut.

10. One Great Western Arms Company
Pistol, S. A. Frontier, .22 Caliber,
Serial Number GW 19471.

This pistol had a black finish with a rough white and black bone handle, was in a yellow cardboard carton with the name [redacted] written in ink on top of the carton. This gun was manufactured by Great Western Arms Company, 350 West Washington Boulevard, Venice, California.

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11. One Hi-Standard Automatic Loading Pistol, Sport King, .22 Caliber, Model Number 9167, Serial Number 736310

This pistol was in a red cardboard carton with Serial Number 727458 written on the side of the carton, was nickel plated, and was manufactured by Hi-Standard Manufacturing Corporation, Hamden, Connecticut. This box had the name [redacted] written on it.

12. One Hi-Standard Sentinel Revolver, 9 shot, .22 Caliber, Serial Number 848417.

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This gun has a black finish, was in a yellow card board box with the name [redacted] written on top and was manufactured by Hi-Standard Manufacturing Corporation, Hamden, Connecticut.

13. One box of 50 Remington hi-speed Kleanbore .22 caliber long rifle cartridges

14. One Pro Craft golf bag with two woods; five irons; and one putter

The golf bag is red plastic with white trim containing two woods (Reg. No. 4300, driver and spoon); and five irons, numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10, with Registered No. 4300, Allied, Finalist; and an adjustable putter from International Golf Products, Hinsdale, Illinois.

15. One Pro Craft golf bag with four woods; eight irons; and one putter

The golf bag with tag showing style number 952, is black plastic with red trim, a product of S. Werner, Inc. Bloomfield, New Jersey. This bag contained four Wright & Ditson woods number 1, 2, 3, and 4, Registered No. 933342, and eight irons numbers two through nine by Wright & Ditson, trade name "Lawson Little", with number 965332 on the shaft of each club head, and one adjustable putter.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted]

On October 27, 1958, Mr. [redacted] Michigan advised that he vaguely recalled talking to Mr. [redacted] relative to the rental of warehouse space by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he did not recall the details of his conversation with [redacted] or of the fact that he had contacted [redacted] at the request of another individual. [redacted] stated that while he may have made a telephone call to some individual in [redacted] presence, he did not recall the name of the individual.

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[redacted] related that his employer, Bert Baker Company, also engages in the rental of warehouse space and as a real estate brokerage firm, however, he could not recall any calls or conversations relative to any warehouse space in September or October, 1958. [redacted] examined his records of telephone calls consisting of memoranda on a spindle and stated that he was unable to locate the name of an individual who may have contacted him whom he referred to [redacted]. He stated that he vaguely recalled that he may have given the name and telephone number of an individual to [redacted] when [redacted] talked to him, however, is not sure that he did so.

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[redacted] related that the names [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] were unfamiliar to him. He stated that he recalled that some months ago an employee of either Richmor Sales or LaSalle Distributing Company had sold an automobile to Bert Baker Company and at that time had left a sales catalogue at the office. He related that to the best of his memory he was not acquainted with a JACK SHUBOW or Scanlon Radio and Music Shop. He stated that he does not recall ever being contacted by any individual from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was in the appliance business.

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Mr. [redacted]

advised on the same date that the above listed names were unfamiliar to him, however, he recalled that he had received a telephone message on October 25, 1958, in his absence from his firm, from an individual named [redacted] however, he did not know this individual and the man did not leave a telephone number.

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Dr. [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] related that he formerly had offices in Oak Park and had moved to his present location approximately 9 months ago and had still maintained the [redacted] telephone listing which was ordinarily referred to the [redacted] number if called.

Dr. [redacted] related that he had no patients under the names of [redacted] JACK SHUBOW or [redacted]. He stated that he only had one patient who was engaged in the appliance business who was a man named [redacted] and who was approximately [redacted] years of age.

Dr. [redacted] reviewed his patient appointment list and list of patients treated for the week of September 15 through 22, 1958, and stated that he had no new patients inasmuch as all patients treated were long time patients of his.

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In the presence of his office nurse, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted], Dr. [redacted] reviewed his patient files for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958 and related that none of the patients contained in his files were of similar names.

In the presence of Agents, Mrs. [redacted] reviewed Dr. [redacted] telephone call listings for the period of September 15 through 22, 1958, however no names were listed for the names stated heretofore.

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On October 28, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] advised that she recalled a woman telephoning Dr. [redacted] office on September 18 or 19, 1958, who was apparently attempting to reach some appliance firm as the woman appeared somewhat perturbed that a doctor's office had answered her call and had inquired of Mrs. [redacted] as to the time Dr. [redacted] had had the [redacted] telephone number and had requested of Mrs. [redacted] something to the effect if she knew that some unrecalled appliance firm had previously had the [redacted] telephone number. Mrs. [redacted] related that she had not made a record of this call inasmuch as it had been obviously a wrong number and at the time of the interview by Agents on the preceding day had not recalled this incident.

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On October 27, 1958, Mr. [redacted] Northern Discount Corporation, 6853 West Warren, Detroit, Michigan, telephone number [redacted] advised Agents that he was not acquainted with the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and while his firm was engaged in the purchase of time sales "paper" he is positive that he had never handled any "paper" for this firm or one of its salesmen. He stated that the names [redacted] and [redacted] were unknown to him.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as his company is an independent discount company he frequently receives calls or contacts by transient salesmen of various firms endeavoring to discount sales contracts, however, his firm has a policy of a strict audit of any accounts they purchase.

He related that since September 1, 1958, the company has made only 1 purchase of a discounted contract which was a relatively small furniture sale for a local firm operating a short distance from his corporation. Mr. [redacted] made available the accounts receivable section of his books and records and the entries therein verified

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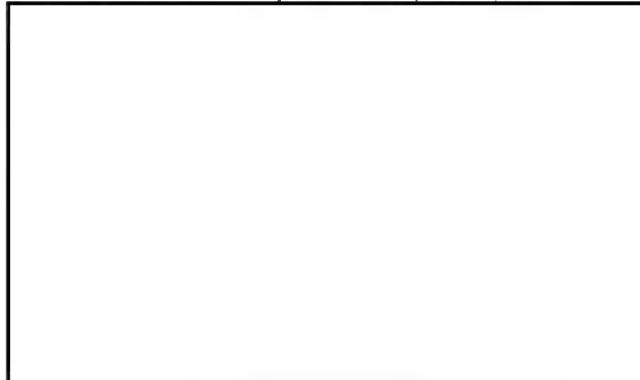
this purchase. He stated that to the best of his recollection he had not received any request to purchase paper from an individual named [redacted] and that primarily the accounts purchased by him in the past had consisted of small appliances and small contracts such as sewing machines and vacuum cleaners although on occasion, after verification, they had bought substantial accounts of some firms in Detroit in the past. Mr. [redacted] related that approximately 2 weeks prior to October 27, 1958, Associates Discount Corporation, through a subsidiary, Associates Loan Corporation, had purchased Admiral Finance Corporation and at the present time the sale was being completed. He stated that Admiral Finance and Northern Discount had occupied the same offices at 6853 - 55 West Warren, however, since the sale were operating as separate entities and the office proper had been divided.

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On October 28, 1958, records of the Detroit Police Department were reviewed by SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN. These records reflect various arrests for [REDACTED] Detroit Police Department Number [REDACTED] FBI Number [REDACTED] which arrests are also reflected in the record of arrests set out below.

This file also showed that [REDACTED]
was arrested on [REDACTED] the resi-
dence of [REDACTED] Detroit Police Department Number
[REDACTED] along with the following individuals:



Found at the [REDACTED] apartment was a tobacco can of marijuana, a hypodermic needle and syringe, and a p.38 automatic, number [REDACTED] with seven shells. The above individuals were arrested for investigation for violation of [REDACTED] and for [REDACTED]

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On October 28, 1958, the following record of arrests for [REDACTED] were obtained from the Identification Division:

| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
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| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
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| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
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Contributor Name and Number Date Charge Disposition

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The following descriptive information was obtained from the file of the Detroit Police Department:

Name
Sex
Race
Date of birth

[Redacted]
Male
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Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Scars and marks

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Relatives
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Father

Brother
Sisters

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[REDACTED] It was noted that [REDACTED] was arrested with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with alias [REDACTED] Detroit Police
Department Number [REDACTED] and on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On October 28, 1958, Detroit Police Department
file number [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] was reviewed by SA(A)
KEEHAN. This file showed that [REDACTED] was also known as
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The following record of arrests was received.
from the Identification Division for [REDACTED] FBI
Number [REDACTED]

| <u>Contributor</u> | <u>Name and Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
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The files of the Detroit Police Department showed the most recent arrest of [REDACTED] was on [REDACTED] when he was arrested on a traffic warrant. He was also arrested on [REDACTED] b6 a traffic warrant on [REDACTED] by the Warren, Michigan, b7C Police Department. The file of the Detroit Police Department showed the following descriptive information:

Name [REDACTED]
Also Known As

Sex Male
Race White
Residence [REDACTED]

Date of birth [REDACTED]
Place of birth [REDACTED]
Height [REDACTED]
Weight [REDACTED]
Hair [REDACTED]
Eyes [REDACTED]
Complexion [REDACTED]
Relatives [REDACTED]

On October 28, 1958, [REDACTED] Pallister Motel, 7641 Woodward, was exhibited photographs of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by SA(A) [REDACTED] and SA(A) KEEHAN. [REDACTED] advised that he could not identify the photographs. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that possibly [REDACTED] would recall [REDACTED] and his wife who stayed in Room 202 at the Pallister Motel from September 17 to September 21, 1958.

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Examination of license registrations kept by the manager of the Pallister Motel for automobiles of guests failed to reflect the license number [REDACTED] which was recorded on the registration of [REDACTED] and wife, 707 Wisconsin Avenue. Examination of this list of license numbers did reflect that license number [REDACTED] was at the motel from September 17 to September 21, 1958. Examination of license registrations determined that this license was registered to [REDACTED] for a [REDACTED] two door sedan.

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[redacted] advised that he filled out the registration card for [redacted] Pallister Motel, [redacted]. He said that [redacted] stayed in the car at the time of registration and that he did not see Mrs. [redacted] thereafter. [redacted] said that he recalled [redacted] because [redacted] was from Milwaukee and he had discussed the Milwaukee Braves with [redacted]. [redacted] was exhibited a photograph of [redacted]. [redacted] said that this photograph "looks like" [redacted] but that he could not be sure that it was identical. [redacted] was exhibited a photograph of [redacted] and [redacted] advised that he could not identify this picture.

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On October 27, 1958, [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) KEEHAN that he did not know anyone by the name of [redacted] and had never heard of the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. However, Mr. [redacted] stated that on approximately October 17, 1958, a long distance telephone operator called his home (phone [redacted]) and indicated that an unidentified male in Milwaukee was trying to contact one [redacted] who was a truck driver and who had previously given his phone number as [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] advised that he did not know [redacted] that he and his wife had lived at that address for approximately [redacted] and that prior to that Dr. [redacted] (phonetic) lived there.

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On November 12, 1958, SA(A) [redacted] observed a telephone bearing the number [redacted] in the B. J. Pollard Warehouse, 14300 Prairie, Detroit, which phone was not connected for use.

On October 27, 1958, the following subscribers, to numbers which were reported to have been called by [redacted] from the Pallister Motel, Detroit, on September 18, 1958, were contacted by SA(A) CURTIS L. HUSTRULID and SA(A) [redacted]

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Marx Brothers
Wholesale Distributors
19281 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe, Michigan

[redacted] introduced [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] advised that when his store is called the telephone rings all over the store and can be answered by any employee. He added that only he and [redacted]

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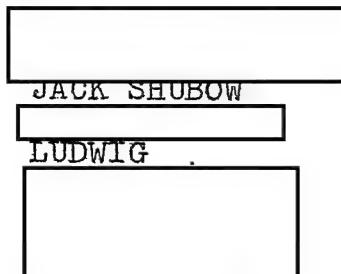
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had authority to purchase merchandise and so any caller offering merchandise for sale would have been transferred to the office phone which would be answered by one of the three individuals identified above.

All three of these individuals denied receiving any telephone call during the past two months from:

1. Anyone offering low cost merchandise
2. Anyone offering merchandise of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop
3. Any of the following:



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All denied knowing any of these individuals excepting JACK SHUBOW by name and said they were not acquainted with anyone meeting [redacted] description. Neither were they familiar with anyone who drove a white Lincoln.

[redacted] said that until about three years ago Marx Brothers were competitors of JACK SHUBOW, selling merchandise to peddlers. Since then they have operated their present store which is primarily a retail outlet. He advised that Marx Brothers have no warehouse; that they keep all merchandise purchased in the storage area at the rear of the store until it is displayed "out front" for the customers.

Examination of merchandise in the storage area failed to disclose any bearing the Scanlon label.

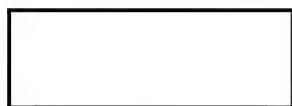
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[redacted] made available the Accounts Payable Register and the Purchase Journal which were examined by SA(A) [redacted] and the Check Register, from September 1, 1958, to date, which was examined by SA(A) HUSTRULID. The only item of possible pertinence noted was an account payable in the name of Rich Mor Sales. However, only about eight small purchases were indicated, the last being on July 24, 1958.

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[redacted] said he is [redacted] who, for [redacted] years has been in the restaurant business in Detroit. For the last [redacted] years he has [redacted] Demchuk's Restaurant, 2135 Howard, Detroit.

He said he did not know any of the individuals named in the foregoing account of contact with the Marx Brothers. He denied having received a call on September 18, 1958, or any other date from anyone offering to sell him merchandise of the "hard goods" type, pointing out that he would have no use for such merchandise.

He said that when he is not at home his second floor tenants have his permission to answer the telephone. He noted that the present tenants were married three weeks ago and that the boy had lived in the flat by himself for several weeks before his marriage.

The tenant, [redacted] advised that he works for the [redacted] as a [redacted] [redacted] He said he had received no call during the past two months from anyone offering "hard goods" for sale. He denied knowing any of the individuals listed above in the Marx Brothers contact.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] lived upstairs before
moved in. He said [redacted] now separated, lives
at [redacted] Michigan, and works at the [redacted]
Michigan Avenue and Miller Road. He related that
[redacted] who was employed as a [redacted] by [redacted]
[redacted] is reported to have been in some kind of trouble,
details unknown. [redacted] said he did not know where [redacted]
[redacted] is living at present.

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On October 27, 1958, the following individuals or businesses were contacted regarding any information as to Scanlon's Radio and Music, Milwaukee, [redacted] or merchandise offered for sale at a price below wholesale cost without obtaining pertinent information:

Termite Drills, Inc.
17215 Greenlawn
Detroit, Michigan
Telephone number UN 1-7480

[redacted] Michigan

Telephone number [redacted]

On October 27, 1958, the Albany, Pittsburgh and Washington Field Offices were advised of the Scanlon's Radio and Music merchandise reportedly located in their respective divisions.

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On October 28, 1958, the facts of this case regarding [redacted] were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Detroit. Mr. [redacted] stated a grand jury subpoena would be issued for [redacted]

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On October 28, 1958, the Pittsburgh Division of the FBI advised that [redacted], Universal Associates, 446 Virginia Street, Charleston, West Virginia, advised she received a telephone call from a Mr. [redacted] first name unknown, of Rich Mor Sales, Detroit, Michigan, regarding a good buy in merchandise. [redacted] stated she went to Detroit and through [redacted] purchased a truckload of goods from Rich Mor Sales.

On October 29, 1958, the Albany Division of the FBI advised that HARRY MARKIM, Proprietor, Better Home Products, 367 East Onondaga, Syracuse, New York, had advised he purchased 513 cartons of household goods, novelties, toys and clothing from JACK SHUBOW, Owner, Rich Mor Sales, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. MARKIM stated SHUBOW told him the merchandise was legitimately purchased from bankrupt stock.

On November 3, 1958, the Washington Field Office of the FBI advised that [redacted] of Link Sales Company, 811 Third Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., advised he received a telephone call from JACK SHUBOW in the first part of October, 1958, and SHUBOW told him he (SHUBOW) was acting as a broker for a large syndicate and could sell various merchandise for 30% below wholesale cost. LINK stated he purchased \$5,000.00 worth of this merchandise from SHUBOW.

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On October 28, 1958, [redacted] Michigan, voluntarily appeared at the Detroit Office and was interviewed by SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER. After [redacted] was confronted with the fact that Agents had knowledge that he had been seen at the B. J. Pollard Warehouse during the latter part of the week of October 23, 1958, he admitted that he had lied to Agents when he had stated on October 27, 1958, that that was the first day he had worked for TONY THOMAS. He advised that he had been employed by THOMAS on October 23, 1958, and that he had helped to load about 7 truckloads of merchandise from the warehouse on Thursday and Friday of the previous week. He stated that on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 23, 24 and 25, 1958, he had helped to load 6 or 7 truckloads of merchandise from this warehouse which had been unloaded at Love Brothers Warehouse, 300 McKinstry Street, Detroit.

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The interview of October 28, 1958, was terminated, as it was deemed advisable to immediately proceed to the Love Brothers Warehouse to ascertain if the merchandise was still at that location.

On November 5, 1958, [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Detroit, Michigan
November 5, 1958

"I, [redacted] hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. I realize that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make can be used against me in a court of law. I also realize that I may consult an attorney.

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on 10/28;11/5/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/17/58

by Special Agents JOHN D. FUSELIER; [redacted] baj

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"I was born on [redacted]
Michigan, and attended school at [redacted]
[redacted] in [redacted]. My present residence is
[redacted] Michigan.

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"I was at the home of a good friend of mine,
[redacted]
[redacted] Michigan, on Thursday morning
October 23, 1958. [redacted] received a phone call
from [redacted] Tony and after he hung up asked
me if I wanted to work loading some stuff on
a truck. I agreed and Tony picked [redacted] and
I up at [redacted] house and we picked up [redacted]
at Jefferson and Hart at a Standard gas
station.

"I have picked out the photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] from a group of photographs displayed
to me and he is definitely identical with the
[redacted] that we picked up at Jefferson and Hart.

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"I have also identified a photograph of Anthony
Thomas as being identical with [redacted]
Tony.

"After picking [redacted] up we drove to the
vicinity of Linwood and Davison to look
for the trucks. We let [redacted] out of the car
one (1) block south of Davison on Linwood.
Tony, [redacted] and I drove to Prairie street
and Tony got out of his car and into a
white Lincoln Continental. There was a man
in this car but I did not get a good look
at him.

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[redacted] and I drove back to get [redacted] and to
see if the trucks were there. [redacted] got in
the car and at this point said he saw the
truck and motioned the driver to follow us.
The truck was heading north on Linwood and
the driver followed us to the warehouse on

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"Prairie Street. Two men who I know only as [redacted] and [redacted] were driving this truck. We loaded the truck and it drove away.

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"I have identified a photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] as being identical with the man
I know as [redacted]

"Two more trucks came and were loaded with
the merchandise in the warehouse.

"[redacted] Tony and I drove to Love's
warehouse where we met a man who Tony ad-
dressed as [redacted] Tony asked Sam if the
trucks were there yet and Sam said No.

"I have identified a photograph of Samuel
Finazzo as being identical with Sam.

"The trucks arrived shortly after we got to
Loves warehouse where they were unloaded.
The following people were present at Loves
Warehouse: [redacted] Tony, Sam and [redacted]

"On Friday morning October 24, 1958, I went
back to the Prairie street warehouse and we
loaded two more trucks. The following per-
sons were at the warehouse at this time:

[redacted] Tony, [redacted] and [redacted]

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"I have identified a photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] as the man who [redacted] told me was
[redacted]

"While we were loading the trucks the white
Lincoln which was there the previous day drove
up. A man got out and talked to Tony for a
couple of minutes and left.

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"From a group of pictures I have picked out the picture of Jess Beron and he looks very much to me like the man in the white Lincoln.

"On Saturday morning October 25, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] picked up Tony and I and we went to Jefferson and Hart and went in a -- Bargain Store. The following persons were present at this store: Tony, Sam, [redacted] and a person unknown to me. I have identified a photograph of [redacted] as the unknown man in the store. I never did hear his name mentioned.

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"We went to Loves Warehouse where we unloaded the two trucks which had been loaded at the Prairie street warehouse the previous day. The same people at the store on Jefferson Street were at the Love Warehouse and all assisted in unloading the trucks.

"On Monday morning October 27, 1958, [redacted] and I drove to the Prairie Warehouse and [redacted] started loading a truck. The following persons were present at the warehouse at this time: [redacted] Tony, [redacted] and a man whom I have never seen before.

"Shortly after we started loading the truck the operation was discontinued as F.B.I. Agents stopped us.

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"After I talked to the F.B.I. Agent [redacted] and I went to his house. Tony was there and he said to me 'Don't say anything about this' and I then went home.

[redacted] called me the night or the night after I was interviewed by the F.B.I.

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"in the Federal Building. He asked me if the F.B.I. had talked to me yet and I said No. [redacted] then said if they do talk to you tell them the truth.

"I never knew any of the persons mentioned in this statement before October 23, 1958, with the exception of [redacted], who has been a friend of mine since [redacted]

"I never knew that the merchandise that I helped load and unload had been obtained fraudulently or stolen. [redacted] had told me [redacted] Tony told him it was salvaged merchandise.

"I have read the for going statement consisting of this & five other pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, Michigan, Nov. 5, 1958.

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, Michigan 11/5/58"

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name [redacted]
Race [redacted]
Sex [redacted]
Age [redacted]

White
Male

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Date of birth

Height

Weight

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Hair

Build

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Residence

Mother

Brothers

Sisters



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Detroit (49-1185) DATE :

FROM : SA (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka, FUGITIVE,
et al, NBA, ITSP

On October 28, 1958, SA (A) JOHN P. MURPHY and
SA (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER contacted [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Love Brothers Cartage and Terminal Service, 300
Mc Kinstry Street, Detroit. [REDACTED] advised that SAM
JACOBS, aka Sam Finazzo had rented space on the third
floor of his warehouse and had moved about seven truckloads
of merchandise in the warehouse around October 22, 1958.

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[REDACTED] accompanied Agents to the third floor of
the warehouse, where it was noted that several truckloads
of merchandise, in cartons and consisting of appliances,
toys, christmas decorations and sporting goods were stored. All
of the cartons were addressed from various suppliers to
Scanlons Radio and Music, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] was
telephonically advised of the location of this merchandise while
Agents were at Love Brothers Warehouse. [REDACTED] stated that he
would immediately take the necessary steps to recover this mer-
chandise.

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[redacted] Love Brothers Cartage and Terminal Service, 300 McKinstry Street, Detroit, Michigan, advised that the third floor of [redacted] was rented by TONY (ANTHONY) THOMAS who represented SAM JACOBS, aka. Sam Finazzo, and the Rex Novelty Store.

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[redacted] had agreed to let him use [redacted] which was not being used by him. He said that he has known JACOBS since [redacted] and that their relationship was such that they did not need any contract other than an oral agreement and that they had not discussed financial terms [redacted].

[redacted] further advised that THOMAS had started to move in merchandise on October 22 or 23, 1958, and that several truckloads had been moved in on those days. He further advised that THOMAS had rented one of his trailer trucks and a driver to help move the goods to his warehouse. He stated that he had not received any money from THOMAS or JACOBS and that it was understood that he would be paid at the end of the month.

While Agents were in [redacted] office, he received a telephone call and after the call was completed he advised that FINAZZO had been on the telephone and told him that he could expect FBI Agents to visit him within the next few days about the merchandise which he had stored there. [redacted] said that FINAZZO had stated that he was in the clear on this deal because he had a receipt for his down payment for the merchandise. [redacted] further advised that when he had told FINAZZO that Agents were presently in his office, FINAZZO had immediately terminated the call.

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by Special Agent (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER and SA (A) JOHN P. MURPHY; baj

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[redacted] On October 28, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] United States District Court in Bankruptcy,
Detroit, Michigan, was advised of the above items. Mr.
[redacted] advised that he would request [redacted]
[redacted] to examine the merchandise and to
make arrangements to obtain this merchandise. Items number
four to seven and nine through fifteen were recovered by
[redacted] on October 31, 1958, and placed in
storage with other merchandise from this case at 14442
Grand River, Detroit.

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SA(A) KEEHAN accompanied Mr. [redacted] when
this merchandise was transferred. Mr. [redacted] stated that he
would have a truck obtain the bulky crates which appeared
to be showcases as soon as transportation was available.

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12102 Woodward, advised that a search of motel records had disclosed that one Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Monterey Motel,

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[redacted] Illinois, had registered in the motel on October 15, 1958, and had resided there until October 25, 1958, at which time they checked out. Miss [redacted] said that according to her records, the Michigan License number of the automobile the [redacted] had arrived in at the motel was [redacted]. She stated that there was some question about [redacted] ability to pay his bill and for that reason the manager of the motel had checked the registration of this license and had discovered that the automobile, a two door, was registered to Northern Discount Corporation, 6853 West Warren, Detroit. Miss [redacted] said that she distinctly recalled both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and that she would be able to identify them quite easily. Upon being shown photographs of several individuals Miss [redacted] definitely identified [redacted]
[redacted] Subject of this case, as the person who registered as [redacted] in the motel.

Miss [redacted] stated that [redacted] had had a large roll of bills; that there had been some discussion between [redacted] and the [redacted] and that Mr. [redacted], who was presently out of town, would be able to furnish additional information concerning [redacted] and the woman he registered as his wife.

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Miss [redacted] described Mrs. [redacted] as follows: white female, age [redacted] lbs., hair [redacted]

[redacted] rather unattractive. Miss [redacted] stated that the only peculiarity that she had noticed was that this woman [redacted] quite frequently when she is speaking.

Miss [redacted] stated that she recalled this woman quite often wore a red coat, white woolen sweater and plaid pedal pushers. She also stated that the [redacted] had had a [redacted] with them.

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Miss [redacted] stated that records of the motel disclosed that [redacted] made the following telephone calls while residing at the motel:

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on 10/29/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/6/58

by Special Agent (A) JOHN P. MURPHY/lml

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October 25, 1958:

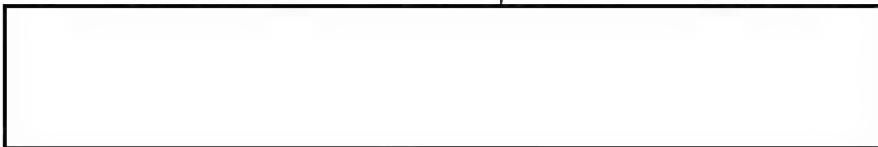


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[redacted] Upon being shown a photograph of [redacted]
[redacted], Miss [redacted] stated that she was positive this person
had resided at the motel within the past few weeks. She
advised that she had checked all her registration records
but could locate no record of the registration by anyone
named [redacted]. Upon being shown a photograph of [redacted]
[redacted] Miss [redacted] advised that she did not recall seeing
this person anywhere at or near the neighborhood of the
motel. She stated, however, that there are three shifts
of office employees who work at the motel and it is quite
possible that she may not see occupants of the motel if
they checked in or out when she was not on duty.

On October 30, 1958, Miss [redacted] advised that a
further search of her records had disclosed the following
telephone calls made by [redacted] on the following dates:

October 20, 1958: October 21, 1958:



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INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 25, 1958

On the morning of October 28, 1958, [redacted] Michigan, employed as [redacted] at the Pallister Motel, 7641 Woodward, was interviewed.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she recalled that a couple had stayed in room 202 at the motel for about four or five days toward the end of September, 1958. Mrs. [redacted] said she did not see the man who stayed in this room but that she recalled the woman as being in her [redacted] and that this woman occasionally had a [redacted] in the room. Mrs. [redacted] said she did not know if this [redacted] belonged to the woman as there was no accommodations in the motel room for the [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] was exhibited photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] stated that she did not recognize either of these individuals.

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In the evening of October 28, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] was exhibited a photograph of [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was positive that this photograph of [redacted] was identical with the woman who stayed in room 202 for four or five days in the latter part of September, 1958.

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on 10/28/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/21/58

by Special Agents (A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN and [redacted] Vmsm

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) DATE: November 18, 1958

FROM: SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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The management personnel of the Monterey Motel, 12102 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, were contacted by SA(A) JOHN P. MURPHY on several occasions during the week of October 27 through 31, 1958, and photographs of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were exhibited to them. Several of these employees advised that they recognized these individuals as persons who had previously stayed at or visited the motel.

On October 29, 1958, at approximately 7:05 p.m., Mr. [REDACTED] Monterey Motel, telephonically advised SA MURPHY that he had just registered a person by the name of [REDACTED] and he believed that this individual was identical with [REDACTED]

SA MURPHY, SA(A) [REDACTED] SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER. SA(A) [REDACTED] SA(A) [REDACTED] and SA(A) [REDACTED] immediately proceeded to the motel and instituted a surveillance of Room Number 6 where [REDACTED] was staying. Mr. [REDACTED] viewed the photograph of [REDACTED] upon arrival and stated that he recognized this photograph as a person who had previously stayed at the motel, however, he had not been on duty when [REDACTED] had registered at the motel on that date.

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Efforts were made to identify the resident of the motel between 8:00 p.m. on October 29, 1958, and 12:20 a.m., October 30, 1958, with negative results and at that time 4 Agents left the vicinity of the motel leaving SA MURPHY and SA [REDACTED] on duty.

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At approximately 1:35 a.m., SA MURPHY advised SA FUSELIER that [redacted] had just left the motel in his automobile accompanied by a woman and that he appeared to be extremely surveillance conscious.

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[redacted] was approached by SA FUSELIER, SA MURPHY, SA [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted] at 1:45 a.m. approximately 3 blocks north of the Monterey Motel while he was conversing with one of the Highland Park Policemen.

At this time he identified himself as [redacted] and stated that his companion was [redacted] a married woman, and that they were both employed by the [redacted]. He stated that he had registered at the motel using an assumed name because he and Mrs. [redacted] were not married and they did not want it known that they were staying together at the motel. He said that they had been in the habit of spending a night together at the motel about once a week for the past 2 or 3 months.

It was pointed out to [redacted] that the photograph of [redacted] resembled him very closely and he, therefore, voluntarily agreed to accompany Agents to the Detroit Police Department where his identity could be definitely established. [redacted] was fingerprinted by Patrolman [redacted] Identification Bureau, Detroit Police Department, who advised that [redacted] was not identical with the fingerprints on file of [redacted]

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The following descriptions of [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] were obtained at the time they were interviewed:

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Date of birth

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Name

Height

Weight

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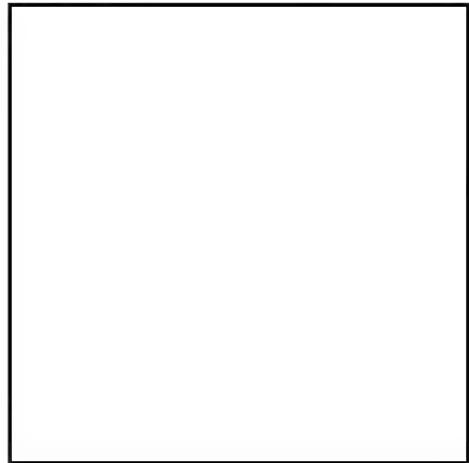
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Drivers license #

Address

Former addresses

Husband



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date November 13, 1958

[redacted] Monterey Motel, 12102 Woodward, advised that he had just returned from an out of town trip and had been informed that agents were seeking information concerning the occupants of Room #12 between October 15 and 25, 1958. [redacted] stated that he had discussed this matter with several motel employees and had discovered that a person registered under the name of [redacted] with an address of [redacted] registered in the motel, Room #16, on October 17, 1958, and had stayed until October 21, 1958. He said that according to motel records the license number of the car, make unknown, driven by [redacted] when he entered the motel, was [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he was almost sure that this was an Illinois license plate but that it could be in fact, a Michigan license plate. [redacted] advised that Mr. [redacted] who worked in the motel office, had told him that this Mr. [redacted] who had resided in the motel from the 17th to the 21st of October in Room #16, was the same [redacted] who had been registered in the motel by [redacted] on October 24, 1958.

[redacted] stated that according to Mr. [redacted] [redacted] had paid [redacted] bill when he, [redacted] paid his own bill October 25, 1958. [redacted] stated that none of the employees recalled seeing [redacted] and no one, himself included, had any idea what Mr. [redacted] looked like.

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[redacted] stated that he had checked the registration of Michigan automobile license [redacted] and had found that this automobile was registered to one [redacted] Michigan.

[redacted] also said that he had talked to one of the maids at the motel who works on an infrequent part time basis. named [redacted] who had told him that the name of the [redacted] which the [redacted] had in their room was [redacted] (phonetic), and that Mrs. [redacted] first name was [redacted]

According to [redacted] this maid advised him that she had seen [redacted] put a manila envelope in the bottom of the dog's cage, which appeared to have a false bottom. [redacted] also

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advised that according to the maid, on two occasions she had observed another man in the room with the [redacted] and that the only thing she recalled about him was that he had gray hair. [redacted] also advised that according to a porter at the motel, the [redacted] had had a frequent visitor between 11:00 PM and midnight and had had food delivered to their room during this period from the nearby Howard Johnson's Restaurant.

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[redacted] also advised that he was of the opinion that [redacted] when registering, was driving a Rambler automobile, but could not verify this from motel records.

[redacted] further advised that one of the employees at the motel had for some unknown reason written down the Michigan automobile license of a [redacted] automobile which had been seen parked in front of the [redacted] room quite often. [redacted] stated this license number was [redacted] which he had checked and found registered to one [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

Date: November 10, 1958

FROM : SA(A) [redacted]

Dictated: November 10, 1958

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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[redacted] presently residing at [redacted] Michigan, was interviewed at the Detroit FBI Office in Room 904 on November 3, 1958, by SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted]

[redacted] advised he had been employed by [redacted] in March, 1957, when Mr. [redacted] the Cornet Sewing Machine Distributor Company, 7419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] stated he was employed at the Cornet Sewing Machine Company until December, 1957, when the company went out of business. [redacted] stated he was then employed by Mr. [redacted] at the close of the Cornet Sewing Machine Company at Grand Sales Company, 10824 West Chicago, Detroit. He stated he was employed at Grand Sales Company until January or February, 1958, when this business also closed. [redacted] stated he then was employed at the Northern Discount Company, 6853 West Warren, Detroit, on a part-time basis by Mr. [redacted] until the last of June or first of July, 1958. [redacted] stated he terminated his employment and moved to Chicago, Illinois, and lived with [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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[redacted] stated that while in Chicago he was not employed and around August, 1958, decided to go to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to visit [redacted]

[redacted] who lives in the [redacted] Milwaukee. [redacted] stated that while in Milwaukee somewhere between the first and middle part of August, he went to the Rescue Mission and was approached by Mr. [redacted] and was offered a job at Scanlon's Radio and Music Warehouse, 8104 West National Avenue, as a [redacted] [redacted] stated he accepted this job and

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worked at the warehouse from August to the first or second week of September when he was laid off.

[redacted] stated there were three other employees in the warehouse besides himself which he described as follows:

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of Mr. [redacted] furnished the following description

White male, [redacted] years of age,
[redacted] approximately

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[redacted] stated that approximately the third week of August he began loading tractor and trailer type

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trucks with merchandise from the warehouse. He stated he did not know where the shipment of merchandise was going although he overheard one of the truck drivers state he would see his girl friend in Cleveland, Ohio, on this trip.

[redacted] stated after he was laid off in Milwaukee, which he believed was the second week of September, he took the North Shore Line train to Chicago, stayed at his mother's house for three days and then traveled by way of Greyhound Bus to Detroit and lived with [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan.

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[redacted] was then advised through our investigation that there were discrepancies in his story and he was not being truthful. [redacted] then changed his story and stated he was laid off at Scanlon's Warehouse on October 17, 1958, and arrived in Detroit on October 23, 1958. He also stated he had telephoned his [redacted] in Detroit from Scanlon's Warehouse in Milwaukee approximately two weeks before he terminated his employment.

[redacted] was then again advised he was not being truthful, and he stated he did not come to Detroit by way of Greyhound Bus but that he drove a truck from Chicago to Detroit for Mr. [redacted]. He stated this truck was a red Chevrolet with "WO Co." letterings on the side and the truck contained personal items, such as, sofa, desk, various cartons packed with what he believed to be personal items. He stated the truck contained no Scanlon's merchandise to his knowledge.

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He stated he met Mr. [redacted] on the corner of Roosevelt Street and Oak Park Street in Chicago at a gas station. Mr. [redacted] instructed him to take the truck to the vicinity of Davidson and Linwood Street, Detroit, and park the truck on Linwood and leave the keys over the sunvisor. [redacted] stated he followed the instructions and arrived in Detroit at 1:00 a.m. October 23, 1958. He then changed his story and stated he had left Chicago on October 22, 1958, a Wednesday, about 3:00 p.m.

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[redacted] then stated he obtained employment on October 27, 1958, repairing sewing machines at the Northern Discount Company, 6853 West Warren, Detroit.

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[redacted] stated he had seen Mr. [redacted] in Milwaukee with Mr. [redacted] on several occasions during the last of his employment. He added this was the last time he saw Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] viewed a photograph of [redacted] and stated he knew Mr. [redacted] when he [redacted] Border Sales, Inc., 539 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. He stated he could not say if he had seen [redacted] in Milwaukee.

"Detroit, Michigan
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"I, [redacted], hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. I realize that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make may be used against me in a court of law. I also realize that I may consult an attorney.

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"I was born on [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] and attended school at [redacted]
[redacted] My present
residence is [redacted] Michigan.

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"On or about March of 1957 I started working for [redacted] at the Cornet Sewing Machine Distributor company in Detroit, Michigan. I worked for Mr. [redacted] until about September 1957 when the company went out of business. I then started working for Mr. [redacted] at Grand Sales 10824 W. Chicago, Detroit, Michigan. I worked at Grand Sales until Janitary or February 1958 when the company went out business. I then worked for Mr. [redacted] at Northern Discount, 6853 W. Warren Detroit, until the last of June 1958 when Mr. [redacted] asked me if I would come to Chicago and work for him. I told him I would work for him and he asked me to drive a truck to [redacted] containing office furniture. Mr. [redacted] instructed me to drive this truck to 6801 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. I drove this truck to this address and unloaded the furniture at Wyn-Oak Appliance Company which is the name of the store at 6801 W. Roosevelt, Chicago. Mr. [redacted] was running this store and I latter found out he was using the name of [redacted]. I was employed at Wyn-Oak Appliance store along with [redacted] until about the middle of July, 1958 when Mr. [redacted] asked me to go to Milwaukee and work for [redacted] who used to be a salesman at Grand Sales, Detroit who is now running a business in Milwaukee using the name [redacted]. I told Mr. [redacted] I remembered [redacted] from Grand Sales and would go to Milwaukee and work for him. I then went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin which was around the last of July and started working for Mr. [redacted] who I know to be [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] was operating Scanlon's Radio and Music 707 West Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee and I was working at the Scanlon's Warehouse located at 8104 West National Ave., West Allis Wisconsin, as a [redacted]. I noticed from the beginning

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"of my employment that great quantities of merchandise was coming into the warehouse and immediately being shipped out again. The first week or two were slow not to much merchandise was coming in but after the first couple of weeks the merchandise came in to the warehouse in great quantities of which most of the merchandise was shipped out the same night it arrived. During the latter part of my employment in Milwaukee I realized that something was illegitimate due to the fact the merchandise was being shipped out in most cases on the same day the merchandise was received in the warehouse. During my employment at Scanlon's warehouse Milwaukee, it appeared that [redacted] who I have identified from a photo as [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] were partners with [redacted] who I know as [redacted]. During my employment I saw many persons come to the warehouse to view the merchandise. I have been shown many pictures and from these pictures I can definitely state that Jack Shubow was in Milwaukee viewing the merchandise between the last of August and beginning of September 1958. I know that Jack Shubow was accompanied by a man who sat in the car who I believe may be identical to a picture of Jess Beron. I also recognize the picture of [redacted] who I know as [redacted] as being at Scanlon's Warehouse in Milwaukee viewing the merchandise during the latter part of my employment. In viewing these many photographs I have picked out a picture of a man who I have been told is Sam Finazzo who I believe may have been in Scanlon's warehouse viewing the merchandise. I have described this man as being in his late forty's 5 foot.6 inches tall, 155 to 165 pounds, stocky build, brown and grey hair and of Italian decent.

"During my employment at Scanlon's warehouse I heard the following names mentioned that I can recall [redacted] Sam, [redacted] Jack,
[redacted]

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"The Scanlon's warehouse was completely emptied by October 10, 1958 at which time I drove a Hertz rented truck loaded with Scanlon's merchandise to Wyn-Oak Appliance Company, Chicago, Illinois where I unloaded this merchandise and drove the truck back to Milwaukee. I then took the train to Chicago and went to my mother's house to stay and to report to Wyn-Oak Appliance Company Monday to work. I worked at Wyn-Oak Appliance until October 22, 1958 when I was instructed to drive a truck by Mr. [REDACTED] who I know as [REDACTED] and deliver some cartons which I believe to be tovs. golf bag and clubs, couch, etc., to [REDACTED] who lives on [REDACTED] Michigan and deliver the office furniture and various cartons to Rich-Mor Sales which is on Linwood Street several blocks south of Davidson, Detroit, Michigan. I left Chicago October 22, 1958, and arrived at Livonia, Michigan, and Detroit on October 23, 1958 and delivered these items as instructed.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and five other pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witnessed by: "/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Special Agent, Federal Bureau
of Investigation, Detroit,
Michigan, 11/4/58

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"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Detroit, Michigan, 11/4/58"

In addition to the above statement Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was instructed by [REDACTED] while employed in Milwaukee to use the alias of [REDACTED]. He stated he complied with this request, and during his entire employment at Milwaukee used the alias [REDACTED]

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Mr. [redacted] stated that the descriptions and names furnished previously of the employees at the warehouse were true, but he stated the description of [redacted] who he knows as [redacted] was false, including the description of [redacted] wife. He stated that [redacted] is described as approximately [redacted] tall and about [redacted] pounds and the rest of the description furnished of [redacted] previously was correct. He stated that Mrs. [redacted] who he knows as Mrs. [redacted] was approximately [redacted] tall and has [redacted] hair.

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Mr. [redacted] then furnished the following names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons and companies from his belongings which are believed to be pertinent in this investigation:

A business card of Wyn-Oak Appliance Company
Distributors of Quality Products.

[redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, [redacted]
On the front of this card are the following letters: HA 16969, AP 203; on the back of the card is REX La 12982. also [redacted]

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[redacted] Illinois,

A piece of paper with the name [redacted] and the telephone number [redacted]

On memorandum tablet the names [redacted]

[redacted]
EL 1-1788; Rich-Mor Sales. 13144 Linwood,
TO 8-3406; [redacted]

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One note written in red ink signed [redacted]
as follows:

"Mr. [redacted]

"This shirt is for you. Pick up mail
at train and mail it at post office. Pick

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"up all the mail. Then tomorrow at 9:00
pick up the mail at post office and bring
it to [redacted]

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[redacted] granted permission to have his
picture taken in the FBI Photographic Laboratory, Detroit.

The following is a description of [redacted]
as obtained through observation and interview:

Name
Alias
Nickname
Present address

Race
Sex
Age
Date of birth
Place of birth

Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Build
Complexion
Characteristics
Scars and marks

Social Security #
Military service
Education

Mother

Brothers

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Brothers
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Sisters



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[redacted] On November 6, 1958, Postal Inspector,
Detroit, advised SA(A) [redacted]
that his office had received information from the Postal
Inspector of Milwaukee that [redacted] had been
seen driving a [redacted] bearing California
license [redacted]

The above car was sold August of 1958
at Crown Motors, Milwaukee, by [redacted] in the name of
[redacted] Merchants Bank of Detroit was a holder
of a lien against this car, for which Crown Motors,
Milwaukee, paid balance.

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Inspector [redacted] checked with Merchants
Bank of Detroit and determined that above vehicle was
purchased by [redacted] in November, 1957 from
Stark Hickey, Detroit. Merchants Bank informed that
[redacted] was an employee of [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit, when car was purchased.

Inspector [redacted] advised the records
of [redacted] reflect that [redacted]
[redacted] had been employed since [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] she married [redacted] and shortly thereafter
she was granted a leave of absence to go to Hollywood,
California to apply for employment at Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Company.

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A review of Wayne County Marriage Records,
Detroit, Michigan, reflect that [redacted] age [redacted]
and [redacted] age [redacted] were married [redacted]
[redacted] at Highland Park, Michigan.

Review of City of Detroit Birth Records
reflect that [redacted] was born [redacted]
[redacted] at Detroit to [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted]

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by SA(A) [redacted] The following investigation was conducted

[redacted] On October 31, 1958, Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] 310 Book Building, Detroit, Michigan,
made available reservation cards and passenger manifests for
all outgoing flights to Chicago, Illinois, for the dates October
25 and 26, 1958.

These records indicate that reservations
were made on October 24, 1958, at 12:45 PM for Flight No. 23
(4:20 PM) for Chicago, on October 25, 1958. Reservations were
made for Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted] by telephone call from
Mrs. [redacted] who gave the reservation clerk telephone number
[redacted] and Room 12. (It was previously determined that
this number is listed to the Monterey Motel and Room 12 was
occupied by [redacted] from October 15 to October 25, 1958.)

Mrs. [redacted] American Airlines,
advised that on October 24, 1958, the above reservations had
been confirmed by a reservation clerk who called Mrs. [redacted]
at the above number. Mrs. [redacted] located a cancellation card
for the above reservations which indicates Mrs. [redacted] called
from [redacted] on October 25, 1958, at 10:00 AM, and
cancelled the reservations. No additional information was noted
from files made available.

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On November 7, 1958, Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] 4320 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit 4, Michigan, advised
SA(A) [redacted] that [redacted] started work with his
company as a [redacted] on [redacted] Mr. [redacted] made available
the personnel file for [redacted] and the following
information was noted therein:

Date of birth
Education

[redacted]

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Social Security No. [redacted]
Last known address [redacted]

Name changed to Mrs. [redacted] on [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] stated [redacted] was granted a leave of absence from his company in early February, 1958, and that she had told him she was going to seek employment with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. [redacted] to Mr. [redacted] advised she had been friendly with [redacted] while she was at [redacted] and had received a couple of letters from her after she went to California. She advised these letters bore the return address of [redacted] California.

Mrs. [redacted] said [redacted] had called her on Tuesday, October 28, 1958, and had mentioned that she would be in Detroit until Friday (October 31, 1958) and was then going to Upper Michigan to visit her mother for a couple of days and return to California. She said [redacted] indicated that she was going to live with [redacted] in California until she got another place to stay. Mrs. [redacted] did not recall if [redacted] had mentioned whether or not her husband was with her but she assumed that he was. Mrs. [redacted] stated [redacted] asked her to mail her 1958 W-2 Form, which she mailed to her at Bessemer, Michigan on Friday, October 31, 1958. Mrs. [redacted] did not recall if she sent the letter to General Delivery or to a street address in Bessemer. She stated [redacted] leave of absence from [redacted] had been extended through February 9, 1959.

Mr. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] promised to contact the FBI immediately if they should hear from [redacted] in the future.

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On November 7, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] Michigan, furnished the following
signed statement:

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"November 7, 1958
Detroit, Michigan

"I, [redacted] do hereby make the
following free and voluntary statement to
John D. Fuselier, who has identified himself
to me as a Special Agent of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. No threats or
promises of any kind have been made to me
to get me to make this statement. I have
been advised that my statement may be used
in a court of law.

"On a Saturday morning, about six weeks ago,
I was walking on Grand River Ave., near Joy
Road, with [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] A white man, who called himself [redacted]
drove up in a [redacted] or [redacted] and
said he wanted three men to work for him for
a couple of hours. We agreed to work and he
took us in his car to 14448 Grand River Ave.,
where we worked with him for the rest of the
day, unloading a truck. [redacted] asked us if
we wanted to work the next Monday and said
he would call us when the next truck came
in.

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[redacted] and I went back to work unloading
trucks the following Monday. On Monday [redacted]
and [redacted] were there, and they brought [redacted]
[redacted] with them. A man called [redacted] was
also there. I have looked at photographs
of [redacted] and
[redacted] and I have identified
them as [redacted] and [redacted] who were at
the Grand River store. [redacted] was at the

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"store several times on that first Monday, once on Tuesday, and I think once more during that week. [redacted] was showing [redacted] who was in charge of unloading what he was supposed to do with the merchandise and the invoices. [redacted] paid us after that first Monday.

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"After about 10 days of work the stores at Grand River were filled up and we started unloading at a warehouse on Prairie St., near some railroad tracks. While the trucks were being unloaded at the Prairie St. warehouse, I worked with Ludwig at the Grand River stores. We were checking the invoices and preparing the merchandise for sale. Most of the merchandise at the Grand River store was sold at about the time the warehouse at Prairie St was filled up. Buyers would come in, look at the stuff, and place their orders with Ludwig.

"I have read the above statement which consists of this and two other pages, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, Michigan.

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"/s/ John D. Fuselier, Special Agent, FBI, Detroit, Michigan"

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"On a Saturday morning, which would be either September 20th or 27th, [redacted] and I were walking on Grand River Ave., near Joy Road, when a white man driving a [redacted] approached us. This man, who called himself [redacted], asked us if [redacted] wanted a job unloading a truck. [redacted] took us to 14448 Grand River Ave., and we unloaded the truck in an unused store. There was about one truckload of merchandise already in the store when we got there. [redacted] asked us if we wanted to work the next week and said he would call us when the next truck came in. I have looked at a photograph of [redacted] and have identified this photograph as the man called [redacted] who hired us.

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[redacted] and I went back the following Monday morning to unload some more trucks. Early Monday morning [redacted] drove up with a woman and [redacted] with him. The woman was called [redacted]. I have looked at two photographs of [redacted] and I have identified

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"her as the woman called [redacted] who was at the store. [redacted] was at this store several times on that Monday and she seemed to be showing [redacted] what he was supposed to do. [redacted] took charge of the unloading on that day and [redacted] paid us for our work from then on. [redacted] came to the store on the next day, Tuesday and stayed for an hour or so. I believe she came back once during that week.

"I also saw a man who was called [redacted] at the Grand River store during that first week. I have looked at a photograph of [redacted] [redacted] and identified him as the [redacted] I saw at the store.

"I worked at unloading trucks at the Grand River store for about 2 weeks, then we unloaded more trucks at a warehouse at Prairie St., near some railroad tracks. The Prairie St. warehouse was empty when we first started working there and it was full when we finished. To the best of my recollection I helped to unload twenty to twenty five trucks at the two places.

"I first saw Jack Shubow, whose photograph I have identified, at the Grand River store about October 7, 1958. Shubow came in with a man called Ludwig. Ludwig and [redacted] worked at the Grand River store, checking the inventory and preparing the merchandise for sale. I recall that Ludwig told [redacted] and I to tear off the labels on the boxes at the Grand River store. These labels were addressed to 'Scanlon's Radio and Music, Milwaukee, Wisc.'

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"I have read the above statement which consists of this and three other pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

" /s/ [redacted]

"Witness:

" /s/ [redacted] - Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, Michigan.

" /s/ John D. Fuselier, Special Agent, FBI, Detroit, Michigan"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 13, 1958

[redacted] home address [redacted] telephone number [redacted]
 [redacted] advised that on October 20, 1958, JESS BERON contacted him by telephone and said that he had a deal which he thought that [redacted] would be interested in. [redacted] said that he stopped by JESS' place in Windsor on this same date, at which time JESS explained the business deal to him.

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According to [redacted] JESS told him that he had quite a bit of stock that was offered for sale at a low figure on the dollar and that he, JESS, did not have sufficient capital to pay the duty on the merchandise in order to bring it into Canada.

[redacted] said that JESS told him this was all good merchandise and that it was in a warehouse in Detroit. [redacted] said that JESS wanted him to pay the customs duty on the goods and to bring merchandise into Canada, following which they would dispose of the goods in Canada and would split proceeds of the sale fifty-fifty after first reimbursing [redacted] from the initial sales for the money which he was laying out to pay the customs duty. [redacted] said that JESS BERON told them that the goods were in original cartons; that he, JESS, had seen the merchandise, and that it was in good shape.

[redacted] said that he has outlets in Canada for bankrupt goods and had done business with JESS BERON in the past in helping to dispose of bankrupt stock.

[redacted] said he told JESS he wanted arrangements made so that he could see the invoices, packing lists, and related documents for these goods inasmuch as he wanted to be satisfied in his own mind that this was a legitimate transaction. [redacted]

said that JESS made an appointment to meet him at the Avalon Restaurant at Linwood and Davison in Detroit, 8:30 AM the morning of October 21, 1958. [redacted] stated that he did meet JESS in this restaurant at the appointed time, that they had breakfast there and then went across the street to a sales office where JESS had told him he was to meet the person handling the goods.

[redacted] said the sign outside the establishment read Rich-Mor Sales, and that when they entered, JESS introduced him to one JACK SHUBOW who represented himself as the owner of Rich-Mor Sales.

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b7Cby Special Agent (A) JOHN P. MURPHY/lml

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[redacted] stated he had never been in the Rich-Mor Store and office prior to this occasion and had never met JACK SHUBOW prior to being introduced by JESS BERON. [redacted] advised that JACK SHUBOW furnished him approximately the same information concerning the transaction as JESS had done and that he had advised SHUBOW also that he wanted to be convinced of the fact that this was a legitimate transaction and that therefore he desired to look at the invoices concerning the merchandise.

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[redacted] said that SHUBOW told him not to worry about it and produced a small carton full of brown manila envelopes and told [redacted] that the invoices are all here. [redacted] looked at some of the invoices and noticed that the goods were all billed to a company by the name of Scanlon's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

[redacted] stated that he told him he would let him know what he finally decided and that he wanted time to think this over. [redacted] stated that he immediately called a friend of his, one [redacted] an attorney in the National Bank Building in Detroit, and requested to send legal advice concerning the proposed transaction. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that he was going to contact some attorney friends of his who were well versed in this type of transaction, and that he would call [redacted] back and let him know what they advised. [redacted] said that [redacted] called him back rather shortly and told him that he had arranged his appointment for him to meet [redacted] at 12:00 PM that same date, October 21, 1958, at their office.

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[redacted] then proceeded to the [redacted] office, met these attorneys and discussed with them the legal aspects of the proposed transaction. [redacted] said that he had told these attorneys that there was some doubt in his mind as to the legitimacy of the proposed deal and for that reason he requested that they find out from Milwaukee whether everything was legitimate and above board. [redacted] stated that one of these attorneys had checked some bankruptcy law books and had advised him immediately that the deal does not look like a "clean deal". [redacted] said, however, that they advised him that they had a source in Milwaukee that they could telephone for further information and that they would then call [redacted] back that afternoon.

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On that same afternoon, October 21, 1958, [redacted] said one of the attorneys called him and told him that a man named SCANLON owned a business in Milwaukee and recently died, and that SCANLON's widow had sold the business to one [redacted]. [redacted] said the attorney also told him [redacted] bought a large volume of varied goods from different distributors throughout the country on credit terms. [redacted] said that the attorney told him not to touch this deal and said that he was going to receive further information in the form of newspaper clippings from Milwaukee newspapers. [redacted] said that late the evening of October 21, 1958, [redacted] or [redacted] again called him and read the information contained in some newspaper clippings to him.

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[redacted] stated he did not recall the specific information he received from the attorney at this time other than the fact that [redacted] had bought a large volume of merchandise on credit and that there was doubt about his ability to pay.

[redacted] stated that on October 22, 1958, he called JESS BERON and told JESS that he could not agree to this deal; that he was getting further information in the form of Milwaukee newspaper clippings and that he would advise JESS as to what this information was.

On this same date, October 22, 1958, [redacted] said [redacted] or [redacted] again called him; told him that they had received further information from Milwaukee and that he was going to furnish this to him. [redacted] said that according to [redacted] and [redacted] the clippings stated that [redacted] had disappeared from Milwaukee and so had all the merchandise he had purchased on credit, and that the creditors of [redacted] have thrown the SCANLON's business into bankruptcy.

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[redacted] also said that at this time the attorney told him that he had studied the Bankruptcy Act and according to the way this transaction was set up, that this whole deal could be fraud and that he should have nothing to do with it.

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[redacted] stated that he tried to contact JESS BERON on October 23, 1958, to relay this information to him but was unable to do so.

[redacted] stated that on October 24, 1958, he had met JESS BERON in the early afternoon, approximately 1:00 PM, and had advised him about the information contained in the newspaper clippings. [redacted] stated that while talking to JESS he received another telephone call from the attorney who relayed information contained in another newspaper clipping to him. [redacted] stated that according to this clipping, the creditors of the SCANDINAVIAN were seeking the whereabouts of [redacted] and that the creditors were defrauded for merchandise in the approximate retail amount of \$500,000.00. [redacted] stated that he immediately told JESS BERON this information and said that he would definitely not have anything to do with this deal and advised JESS to also have nothing to do with it. [redacted] stated that he told JESS, "This is nothing more than stolen goods".

[redacted] also advised that he had never actually seen any goods; had gone to any warehouse; or had ridden in either JACK SHUBOW or JESS BERON's automobiles.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Detroit (49-1185) DATE: November 24, 1958
Dictated: 11/19/58

FROM: SA(A) [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted], aka -
FUGITIVE, et al
NBA - ITSP

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On November 14, 1958, at approximately 7:10 PM, JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW telephonically advised SA(A) [redacted] that he had received a telephone call from [redacted] and [redacted]. SHUBOW stated he talked to both [redacted] and [redacted] over the telephone and they requested money from the sale of Scanlon's merchandise to JESS BERON. SHUBOW said he did not know whether the telephone call was a local or a long distance call, but believed it to be a local call; however, he had no information as to their present whereabouts.

SHUBOW advised he would come down to the Detroit Office of the FBI the following day and relay the entire conversation to SA(A) [redacted]

On November 15, 1958, JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW was reinterviewed at the Detroit Office of the FBI by SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) [redacted]. SHUBOW advised he had received a telephone call from [redacted] and [redacted] the night before at approximately 6:10 PM. He stated there was no operator connected with the call and believed it may have been a local call. SHUBOW said [redacted] and [redacted] took turns talking over the telephone and told him that [redacted] was arrested by the FBI on the West Coast. SHUBOW stated he asked them where they were and received the reply as "out of touch". SHUBOW advised [redacted] and [redacted] requested money stating he, SHUBOW, could obtain the \$2,400.00 from JESS BERON for the Scanlon merchandise he purchased and should attempt to have the money ready and they would contact him again on Monday or Tuesday, November 17 or 18, 1958, to arrange to have the money delivered. SHUBOW stated he told [redacted] and [redacted] he would see what he could do and let [redacted]

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them know when they contacted him again as to whether he could obtain the money. SHUBOW stated he received this telephone call by an arrangement they had discussed previously.

SHUBOW stated this arrangement is as follows:

[redacted] and [redacted] would call his place of business (Rich-Mor Sales) and state Mr. [redacted] (phonetic) is calling for Mr. SHUBOW, or if Mr. SHUBOW answered the telephone they would ask for Mr. [redacted] and immediately hang up the telephone. SHUBOW advised when this would happen he would immediately go across the street to the pay telephone No. TO 7-9827 located in the Avalon Restaurant and wait for [redacted] or [redacted] to call at this number and then talk to them. SHUBOW stated this telephone system was arranged after the FBI had interviewed him on October 27, 1958.

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SHUBOW advised he would tell them he had the money and would try to find out where they were and immediately telephone this information to the FBI. SHUBOW advised he did not intend to furnish [redacted] or [redacted] with any money but stated he would do this in an effort to have the FBI locate [redacted] or [redacted]. He also stated if [redacted] and [redacted] were located through his efforts, he feels that [redacted] or [redacted] would implicate him in this whole matter.

SHUBOW further advised that he had been talking to JESS BERON and JESS BERON told him that he had exaggerated the whole matter concerning the Italians and actually had been paid the \$5,000.00 for the merchandise.

SHUBOW was asked why JESS BERON was evasive in answering questions concerning the Italians and now changing his story and Mr. SHUBOW advised he did not know. Mr. SHUBOW then advised that JESS BERON had told him if he, JESS BERON, could compromise and satisfy the Italians along with the FBI he would gladly take a year in jail.

SHUBOW again denied that he knew the identity of [redacted] of Scanlon's, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and stated he has not been to Milwaukee during the last five years.

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SHUBOW was advised of the Harboring Statute and he stated he would cooperate in any manner to assist the FBI in locating [] and []

On November 17, 1958, JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW telephonically advised SA(A) [] that he had received another telephone call from [] and [] in the same manner which he described previously and stated he told [] and [] that he had the money waiting for them and how could he give it to them. SHUBOW advised [] and [] refused to reveal their location and told SHUBOW to place the money in an envelope and write on the front of the envelope Mr. [] (phonetic) and place it in the safe at his company, Rich-Mor Sales and a blonde or a brunette would come into his office either the middle of the week or the last of the week, referring to the week of November 23, 1958, and would ask for the package for Mr. [] and Mr. SHUBOW was to give the girl the package.

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Mr. SHUBOW then asked SA(A) [] what he should do and SA(A) [] advised him that he could not instruct him as to what action he should take but would appreciate any further information which may develop in the location of [] or []

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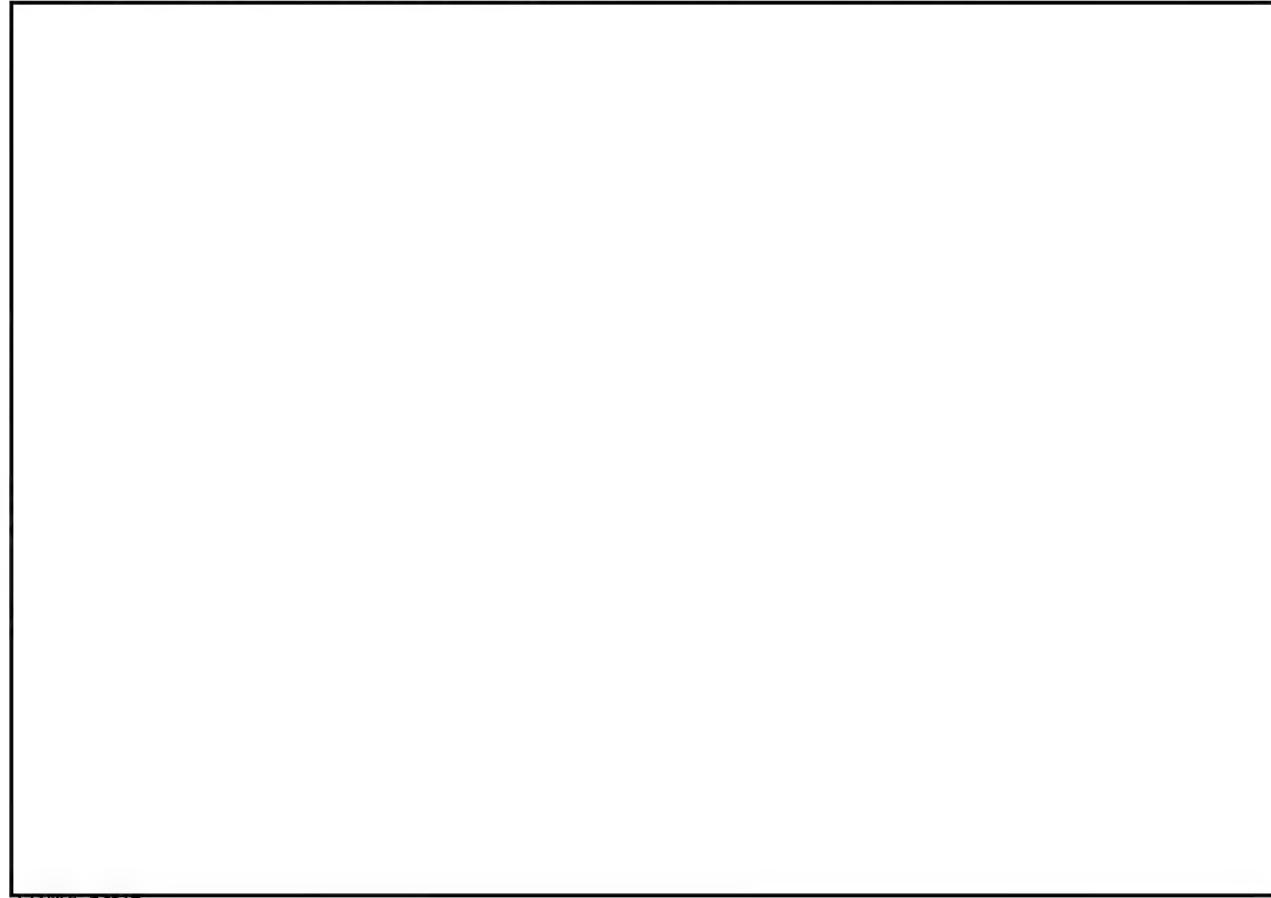
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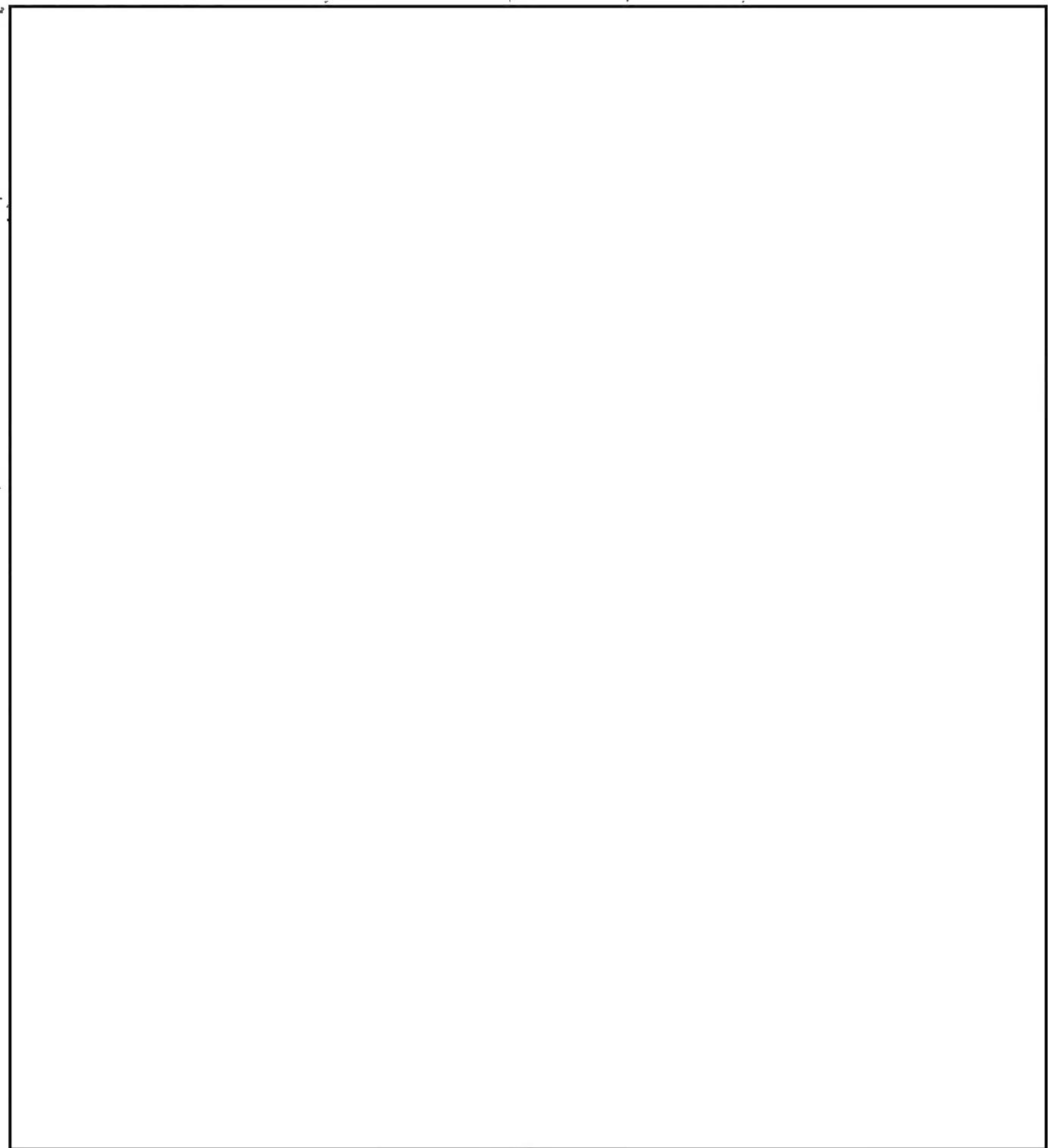
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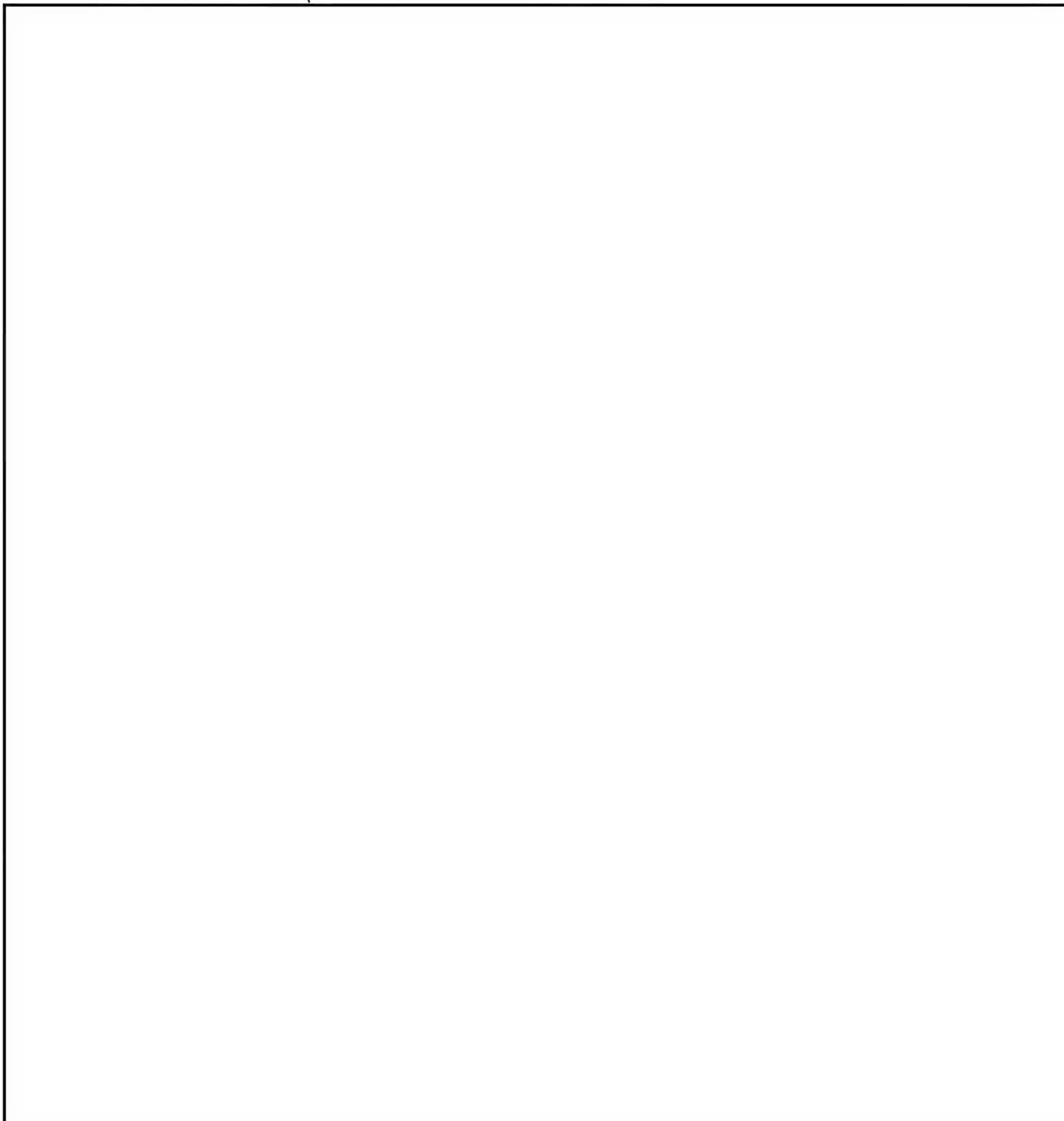
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If any of the records of [REDACTED]
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On November 3, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] telephone [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] telephone [redacted] advised that Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted] reside immediately behind their respective apartments at [redacted]. They further advised that [redacted] and [redacted] had originally rented this apartment in September or October, 1957, and that some time thereafter Mrs. [redacted] had moved in with them. They further advised that they recalled that in approximately May, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] had departed for California in a Jaguar sports car and they had heard that they were to sell this car in California.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that on a Saturday or Sunday, which she believed to be October 18 or 19, 1958, she had seen [redacted] in the parking lot behind the apartment accompanied by a dark haired woman who was carrying a Siamese cat. She further advised that during the previous weekend she had seen another man and a woman, who was carrying a [redacted] visiting the [redacted] apartment. She stated that she had last seen [redacted] at this apartment in approximately September, 1958, and he had stayed there for only a day or two.

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Photographs of [redacted] were exhibited to Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted]. They stated that they recognized all of these persons as they had seen them around the apartments previously. They stated that they would immediately notify the Detroit Office of the FBI at any time they should see these persons in the neighborhood again.

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On November 3, 1958, Mr. [redacted] telephonically contacted SA(A) [redacted] and requested an interview of him and [redacted] stating that in the light of recent events, he believed he had information of value to the FBI.

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On November 3, 1958, Mr. [redacted], Michigan, telephone [redacted] voluntarily came to the Detroit Office and was interviewed in the presence of [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he was [redacted] Northern Discount Corporation (Northern), 6853 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. He said that [redacted] was [redacted] or Northern, and that he [redacted] and one [redacted] were the [redacted] of this corporation.

[redacted] stated that he was [redacted] of Admiral Finance Corporation (Admiral), 6853 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, which corporation was sold to Associates Loan Company on October 15, 1958. [redacted] stated that since he was first contacted by SA(A) [redacted] on October 27, 1958, several unusual events had occurred, and he desired to bring these events to the attention of the FBI.

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[redacted] stated that he had two friends, who were investors in his two corporations. He said one friend, [redacted] whom he has known [redacted] years, was a [redacted] in Northern and [redacted] was a [redacted] in Admiral. [redacted] stated the other friend, [redacted] was a [redacted] in Northern.

[redacted] related that on Saturday, October 25, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] came to Northern and left two checks payable to cash with [redacted] which checks were to be deposited on Monday, October 27, 1958, and the proceeds credited to [redacted] [redacted] said that these checks were from Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Co., Inc., Detroit, Michigan, and that one check was for \$3,000.00.

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on 11/3/58 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 11/25/58

by Special Agents [redacted] (A) and ROBERT P. KEEHAN (A)/ec

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and the other check was for \$4,000.00. [redacted] said he did not consider this to be unusual, as he had received checks in the past from [redacted] and [redacted] which checks were payable to cash. He further recalled that he had received some checks drawn on Rich-Mor Sales Company.

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On Monday, October 27, 1958, at approximately 9:00 PM. [redacted] stated that he received a telephone call from [redacted] which he assumed was from Chicago. At that point, [redacted] engaged in casual conversation and the phone call lasted for just a few minutes. He stated that he thought nothing of the conversation at the time, inasmuch as [redacted] had phoned him from time to time to discuss business.

Between 11:00 and 11:30 PM, the same night, [redacted] called him [redacted] back and asked him if he had deposited both checks. [redacted] answered in the affirmative. At that point, [redacted] related that he thought the checks were going to be stopped, however, gave [redacted] no explanation.

[redacted] related that the next day he gave the matter some thought; however, at that time, he did not consider the previous interview by FBI Agents to be related to [redacted] or [redacted]

On Tuesday, October 28, 1958, [redacted] related that he left his office shortly before 5:00 PM, and after he had been home, Mr. [redacted] employed at Northern, called his home and advised him the bank had called Northern and had advised that payment had been stopped on the two checks.

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[redacted] continued that either on Wednesday, October 29, 1958, or Thursday, October 30, 1958, he had received a title to a truck, which he knew [redacted] and [redacted] owned. He stated that the truck title was not signed, and was made out in the name of Wyn-Oak Appliance,

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[redacted] Agent. He related that [redacted] and [redacted] had purchased this truck which was a [redacted] [redacted] which had been purchased in either June or July, 1958, from Easy Furniture Company on Mack Avenue, Detroit. He stated that this truck had W-O on the side and had been brought to Detroit from Chicago by a porter employed by [redacted] and [redacted] the previous week. [redacted] related that the truck had been parked next to Northern for a matter of a few days, and the porter, whom he identified as one [redacted] had taken the truck to [redacted] Used Car Lot to be sold. He added that this truck could not be sold inasmuch as the title had not been signed.

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[redacted] related that at that point, he recalled something to the effect that [redacted] may have been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the past, and he, thereafter, checked with all of his help in the office to ascertain if he had received any long-distance calls from Milwaukee; however, none of his telephone calls could be identified as emanating from Milwaukee. He added that from that point he recalled that Rich-Mor Sales was in the appliance business and these transactions might have some bearing on the interview with him by FBI Agents.

On Thursday, October 30, 1958, [redacted] attempted to call [redacted] at his place of business, Wyn-Oak Appliance, 3800 West Roosevelt, Chicago, telephone Pioneer 9-0550; however, a strange voice, which he did not recognize, answered the telephone and informed him that [redacted] was not there, that he was in and out of the store, and requested that he leave his name. [redacted] related that he became concerned at this point, and called an attorney who was a friend of his, one [redacted] telephone [redacted]. [redacted] related that he was convinced in his own mind at this point that [redacted] and [redacted] had some connection relative to the FBI interview. He called [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] and [redacted] had funds invested in Admiral and Northern, as well as funds from collections

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of accounts from previous business which had been collected by Northern. [redacted] related that he was afraid that the companies might be involved through dealings by [redacted] and [redacted] which might reflect on the integrity of the two firms.

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[redacted] continued that due to illness in his family, on Friday, October 31, 1958, he had left work early and after he arrived at his home, [redacted] had called him, advised him that some lady had called Northern, and that she had inquired if [redacted] "got the package". [redacted] stated that late that evening, he had received a telephone call from [redacted] from Chicago, at his home. [redacted]

[redacted] is [redacted] of Admiral, and it was his understanding that she was also [redacted]. She asked [redacted] if he received the package, and he said "no". She then stated that he should get the package and put it in a safety deposit box in his name. She further asked him to call the porter, referring to [redacted] and to tell [redacted] not to come back to Chicago. He recalled that she asked if he had the number and he said no that he did not have the number as it was at his office.

[redacted] furnished the following as the address of [redacted], telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] related that [redacted] and one [redacted] whose last name he does not know, both had worked for [redacted] when [redacted] Coronet Sales in Detroit, and both individuals had gone with [redacted] to Chicago, to the best of his recollection, in April or May, 1958.

[redacted] related that during the telephone conversation with [redacted] she had asked him if he had heard from [redacted] and he advised her that [redacted] had not been in touch with him.

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[redacted] stated that he immediately called [redacted] his partner at Northern, and [redacted] inasmuch as he did not want to become involved and did not want to accept the package. He stated that [redacted] and he had discussed this situation that night, and upon the advice of [redacted] decided to accept the package. [redacted] related that [redacted] and [redacted] came to the Northern offices on Saturday, November 1, 1958, and that they proceeded to the Post Office to pick up the mail, at which time there was a package in the mail addressed simply to the Manager, Northern Discount Corporation. He advised that [redacted] opened the package and upon examination the contents consisted of personal papers and identifications of [redacted] and [redacted]. Thereafter, [redacted] went through every piece of paper in an attempt to match the identification of all the papers with names that SA(A) [redacted] had previously asked him about on October 27, 1958; however, he did not see any papers or identification with these names.

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[redacted] related that in opening his mail on Monday, November 3, 1958, there was a short note addressed to him from one [redacted] requesting that he place an enclosed storage receipt with the papers sent to him by [redacted]. He related that at that point, he had called the FBI Office in Detroit, requesting an interview.

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[redacted] made available to the Agents an air mail envelope postmarked Oak Park, Illinois, October 31, 1958, 7:00 PM, addressed to "Northern Discount, 6853 West Warren, Detroit 10, Michigan, Attention: Manager". A note on [redacted] a half of an envelope was also made available, which read [redacted] Will you please take care of this for me, put it with the thing [redacted] sent. Thank you, [redacted].

In addition, [redacted] made available a receipt of the Victor Storage and Moving Company, Agents for American Redball Transit Company, 4809 - 15 West Lake Street, Chicago 44, Illinois, dated October 31, 1958.

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This receipt was in the amount of \$15.00; bears the notation "paid to apply to account", numbered 01602, and initialed "EH". The addressee is listed as "Mrs. [REDACTED] no address, will be away for six months".

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[REDACTED] also made available a return item notice of the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, dated October 29, 1958, addressed to Northern Discount Corporation, advising of the stop payment of two checks drawn by Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Co., Inc., in the amounts of \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00.

Check #2742, dated October 13, 1958, is payable to cash in the amount of \$3,000.00. This check is drawn on The Michigan Bank, on a check of the Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Co., Inc., 13144 Linwood Avenue, and is signed JACK SHUBOW.

The second check is a similar check, also signed by SHUBOW, #2748, dated October 15, 1958, and payable to cash in the amount of \$4,000.00.

[REDACTED] and upon inquiry advised that she had a [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] related that he first met [REDACTED] whom he knows as [REDACTED] in the early fall of [REDACTED] to the best of his recollection. He stated that at that time, [REDACTED] the Coronet Sewing Machine Company. In the early summer of 1957, [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] in an attempt to sell him some of his "paper", and [REDACTED] had gone to his firm, audited the receivables, however, considered them to be undesirable, and no deal was made.

About two weeks later, to the best of his memory, [REDACTED] had called him and had asked him about going into the loan business as he was desirous of getting into a long range business. [REDACTED] stated that

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he discussed selling [redacted] an interest in Northern during July and August, 1957, and recalled that in the fall of 1957, had agreed to go into the loan business with [redacted]. He stated that he recalled that he had lunch with [redacted] at the Brass Rail, and at that time [redacted] was accompanied by another individual, which was the first time that he met [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he was attempting to "sell" the loan business to [redacted] inasmuch as he needed capital.

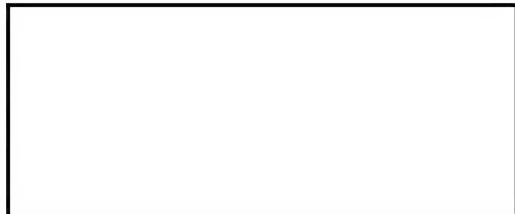
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[redacted] recalled that he was desirous of knowing something about [redacted] background, and while he believed he knew something of [redacted] background as a businessman operating a going concern in Detroit, he knew nothing about [redacted]. He stated that he told both men frankly that if his name was going to be on the license, he desired to know something of their past. He stated that he does not recall all of the details of their discussion, however, Admiral was chartered in October, 1957, and there were 10,000 shares of voting stock at \$2.00 par value, and half of the shares of the stock were unsubscribed. In addition, there were 800 shares of preferred stock at \$100.00 par value, which was non-voting stock.

At the time Admiral was formed, [redacted] came into the firm as the [redacted] and [redacted] of the [redacted] was in her name. [redacted] stated that he knew [redacted] only as a girl working at Coronet, and it is his presumption that actually [redacted] financed her investment of [redacted] for the [redacted]. He added that of the [redacted] capital, the following are the holdings in Admiral of the below-named individuals:

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In addition, [redacted] has [redacted]
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[redacted] added that although he and [redacted] were reluctant to do so, after about two months of "haggling", they agreed to allow [redacted] to purchase one-third interest in Northern. This sale was consummated by Northern, assuming receivables of [redacted] from Coronet as his investment. [redacted] stated that practically all of the assets of Northern were in accounts receivable. He remarked that [redacted] was not taken into either company as an officer and [redacted] was quite perturbed; however, [redacted] does have an interest inasmuch as Admiral and Northern have been loaned money by [redacted] and this loan of capital appears as notes payable to [redacted].

[redacted] added that [redacted] also has some money coming to him upon receivables which Northern has collected for [redacted]. He stated that he would estimate this amount to be in the neighborhood of about [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he believed [redacted] received this money from the sale of a Cadillac automobile through one [redacted] of Cadillac Sales of Detroit on Cass Avenue. He stated that [redacted] put this money into the firm on a non-interest bearing note.

[redacted] related that to the best of his recollection, Coronet closed about September, 1957, and thereafter, [redacted] a company selling sewing machines by the name of Grand Sales. To the best of his recollection, this would have been in November or December, 1957. He stated that business was not good for Grand Sales, inasmuch as it was all promotional and this firm closed without any profits being made in about February or March, 1958.

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Thereafter, [redacted] went to Chicago in April or May, 1958, and opened some appliance business near Cicero, Illinois. He stated that [redacted] had never discussed this business with him. He stated that over a period of time in 1957 and 1958, until about June or July of 1958, [redacted] had placed various sums of money with Admiral and Northern, and received notes of these firms in exchange. He stated that [redacted] had drawn large sums of money from the company, most of which was paid out in cash. He stated that he would estimate that the most [redacted] had ever drawn would have been \$10,000.00 over a period of approximately three months. He stated that the last large withdrawal, he believed, was made in about June or July, 1958, which amount was between seven or eight thousand dollars. He recalled that at the time [redacted]

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[redacted] Illinois, and it was necessary that [redacted] make out the checks for [redacted] withdrawal, as he was the only officer in Detroit at the time. [redacted] related that he believed that sums of \$4,000.00 were withdrawn from each company in this instance.

[redacted] related that Admiral was in the process of dissolution, inasmuch as it was sold to Associates Discount Corporation. He related that Mr. [redacted] who handled the sale for Associates Discount, desired that all stockholders and officers, as well as note holders of Admiral, be present at a meeting to sign off their interest in Admiral. He stated that after agreement had been made to sell, he called a meeting of the Board of Directors, stockholders, and all note holders; he believes the date of this meeting was October 14, 1958.

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[redacted] related that when [redacted] was contacted, he stated that it was impossible for him to come to Detroit and it was arranged to let [redacted] sign waivers in Chicago. [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] flew to Detroit and were picked up at the airport by [redacted]

[redacted] related that it was his recollection that on the night of the stockholders' meeting, [redacted] stayed at [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he and his wife [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] as well as [redacted] and [redacted]
had gone out to dinner on the night of October 17, 1958, to the
Rooster Tail in Detroit. He stated that the other four
were staying at the Monterey Motel on Woodward and occupied
rooms 12 and 16. He stated that the last time he saw [redacted]
[redacted] was on the night of October 17, 1958.

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[redacted] recalled that when [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] came in with [redacted] they went to the Monterey Motel and
had [redacted] car. It was his recollection
that [redacted] somehow had obtained this automobile from [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that he believed this car to be a [redacted]
[redacted] beige or tan, two tone in color, and bore a
Michigan license plate.

[redacted] related that he does not recall being
in contact with [redacted] or [redacted] during the week of October 20,
1958; however, he may have had telephone conversation with
them and he vaguely recalled that [redacted] made some statement
to the effect that he was going back to Chicago during the
weekend of October 25, 1958. About 11:00 AM, on October 25,
1958, two men drove up in front of 6853 West Warren, in a light
colored Cadillac. He stated that one of the men came in and
was in a hurry to see [redacted] related that
he did not know if [redacted] was still at the Monterey; however.
he called and [redacted] answered, at which time he informed [redacted]
that the two men wish to see him. In about a half hour, [redacted]
came to Northern and went out and talked to the two men.

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While [redacted] was gone, [redacted] came into
Northern about noon and [redacted] recalled that [redacted] had been
hunting. A short time later [redacted] came back by himself,
and [redacted] and [redacted] talked until approximately
noon. It was [redacted] recollection that just before they
left, they gave him the two checks from Rich-Mor Sales. He

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recalled that [redacted] made some statement about "don't use too much of the money". [redacted] related that this occasion was the last time he had seen [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] identified photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] identified a photograph of JACK SHUBOW as being the individual who came into Northern on the morning of October 25, 1958, and asked for [redacted]

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[redacted] related that [redacted] resides in Detroit, and he believes her name is [redacted]. However, [redacted] does not know her address. He further related that [redacted] whose first name he does not know, is a [redacted] employed at Herman Kiefer Hospital and lives on the second street as one faces out of the door of the Herman Kiefer Hospital.

[redacted] stated that both [redacted] and [redacted] as well as Coronet Sewing Machine Company and Grand Sales, receive mail at Northern, 6853 West Warren, and this mail is merely placed in a pigeon hole and held for [redacted] and [redacted] until such a time as they request that it be forwarded. Included in this mail are bank statements from Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, inasmuch as [redacted] maintains a checking account at that bank.

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follows:

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[redacted] related that both [redacted] and [redacted] are friends of [redacted] who [redacted] the Crown Sewing Machine Company in Detroit, and at one time worked for [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] is now [redacted] an appliance business in Toronto, which he believes is the M & L Appliance Company. He stated that [redacted] is presently employed by Northern selling repossessed sewing machines. [redacted] is attending [redacted] in the morning, works at Northern in the afternoon, and presently resides with his mother at [redacted]

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Upon inquiry, [redacted] related that he knows that [redacted] owned a boat and he took this boat with him when he went to Chicago. According to [redacted] the boat was placed on Fox Lake just outside of Chicago.

[redacted] was unable to identify a photograph of JESS BERRON; however, stated the individual in the photograph appeared vaguely familiar to him. He stated that he did not know the name of the individual who was running the business for [redacted] and [redacted] in Chicago.

[redacted] related that [redacted] who [redacted] with [redacted] on East Jefferson, Detroit, was reportedly in Florida, according to information he had received from some unrecalled source.

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[redacted] stated that to the best of his recollection in reviewing events, [redacted] had brought the truck back to Detroit from Chicago just before the stockholders' meeting on October 14, 1958. He recalled that the truck did not start, that [redacted] brought a battery over to the truck and installed it in the truck before it was taken to [redacted] Used Car Lot at 8767 West Chicago. [redacted] related that the truck was empty at the time it was parked next to the Northern Discount Office Building. He added that [redacted] had been employed from time to time by him, doing odd jobs at Northern since [redacted] returned from Chicago.

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[redacted] was given a physical description of [redacted] and asked if he knew any acquaintances of [redacted] and [redacted] who fit this description. [redacted] related that the description furnished appeared to be that of one [redacted] who was a friend of [redacted] who was formerly employed by [redacted] as a salesman at Grand Sales. He stated that he was not well acquainted with this individual; however, he believes he recalled conversation to the effect that this man had a wife in California.

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[redacted]
Michigan, advised upon recollection that he actually received the two checks from [redacted] and [redacted] on Friday night, October 24, 1958. He stated that he had ascertained that [redacted] had parked the truck next to Northern Discount Corporation on October 16, 1958. [redacted] related that he personally had not seen [redacted] park the truck; however, an employee of his office, one [redacted] had seen [redacted] park the truck or had seen [redacted] at the truck on October 16, 1958.

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[redacted] related that one [redacted] was the only distributor of the Brothers Sewing Machine Company in Detroit, and his company was at Finkell and Schaefer in Detroit. He stated that as he remembered, [redacted] and [redacted] handled this type of sewing machine in the main, and [redacted] might have some information as to their present whereabouts. It was [redacted] conjecture that [redacted] and [redacted] might be with [redacted] in [redacted] as they are [redacted] and [redacted] is presently in business in that City. He added that [redacted] generally receives a letter from [redacted] each week and most of the time these letters contain some money. He believes that [redacted] is contributing to the support of his mother.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) DATE: November 19, 1958

FROM : SA (A) [redacted] Date Dictated: 11/14/58

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka. -

FUGITIVE; [redacted]
aka. - FUGITIVE; ET AL
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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The following information is not to be made public
except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a sub-
poena duces tecum.

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In the event it is necessary that any records of [redacted]
[redacted] be produced in open court, a subpoena
should be issued to [redacted]

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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If any of the records of [redacted]
[redacted] are needed for production in court, the subpoena should be directed to Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] Northern
Discount Corporation, 6853 West Warren, advised SA(A)
JOHN D. FUSELIER on November 4, 1958, that he had first
met [redacted] on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1957, at
a party which was being held at [redacted] and [redacted]
apartment, which is located just off of [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that he understood that [redacted]
[redacted] who is now working for him, and
[redacted] were now living at the apartment which
[redacted] and [redacted] had shared at that time.

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[redacted] further advised that approximately
a week ago [redacted] had mentioned that [redacted] was in town
and staying with him and his mother for a few days. [redacted]
stated that he had not attached any particular significance
to this remark but that he had later concluded that the
[redacted] which [redacted] had referred to was [redacted] and there
was some indication that [redacted] had also been visiting
at that time.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted]
and [redacted] while they were working at the [redacted]
[redacted] in 1957 and early 1958, had shared an apart-
ment living as man and wife at [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on the previous Friday,
October 31, 1958, [redacted] had called him by telephone presumably
from Chicago and told him that she had mailed a package to
him on the previous day. He said that [redacted] requested that he
place this package in a safe deposit box and she would call for
it at a later date. [redacted] said that he and his attorney
had opened the package when he had received it on Saturday,
November 1, 1958, and this package contained personal papers
of [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] made the
contents of this package available for review and the following
documents were noted therein:

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1. A life insurance policy in
the name of [redacted]
with Aetna Life Insurance

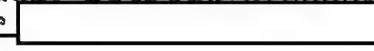
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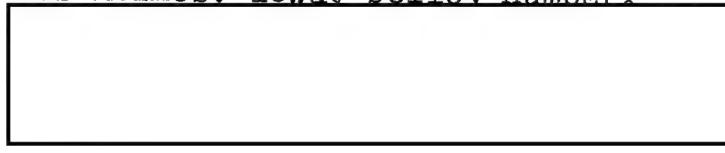
2. Aetna Life Insurance Policy.



3. Insurance policy with North American Life Assurance Company, Toronto, Canada. Detroit Branch, policy number 

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4. Insurance policy with Bankers Life, Des Moines, Iowa. policy number 

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5. Insurance policy with Bankers Life, number B [redacted]
[redacted]
6. Bankers Life policy number
[redacted]
7. Coupon payment book for mortgage payments payable to Advance Mortgage Corporation, 23½ State Street, Account number [redacted]
8. Credit cards in the name of [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, from the following firms:
 - a. Chicago Credit Plate Service, Inc.
 - b. Henry C. Lytton and Company, number 7041 V
 - c. Baskin, State at Adams Street, Chicago, number H 10489
 - d. Erie Clothing Company 648 North Clark Street Chicago, number 8959
9. A checkbook with wallet size ledger type check stubs for an account at the Manufacturers National Bank, Grand River - Dundee Office, Detroit

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10. Birth Certificate for [redacted] reflecting
birth date of [redacted]
at [redacted]

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11. Social Security Card of [redacted]
[redacted] Social Security
Number [redacted]

12. Ohio Operator's License in the
name of [redacted]
[redacted]

13. Michigan Driver's License, number
[redacted] issued to
[redacted]
expiration date, [redacted]

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14. A Rental Agreement between [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]
renting from [redacted]
dated June 12, 1958, for the rental
of a store at 2535 Dundos Street,
and an apartment at [redacted]
[redacted] Rental payment of
\$250 was made to cover rental from
July 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

15. A hotel receipt from Conray Hotel,
3080 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Canada,
from May 15. to 18, 1958, issued
to [redacted]

16. Liquor Permit from Liquor Control
Board of Ontario, Canada. number
[redacted] issued to
[redacted]

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17. Ticket stub issued by Trans-Canada Airlines dated June 2, 1958, to Mr. [redacted] reflecting transportation from Toronto to Windsor, Canada
18. A business card reflecting that [redacted] carried automobile insurance on a [redacted] with Chet Skubis Insurance Agency, 502 Francis Palms Building, Detroit
19. A Chattel Mortgage between the National Bank of Detroit and [redacted] for a new [redacted] Motor Number [redacted] executed December 27, 1956, and stamped paid in full May 13, 1958.
20. Business card from Mineola Marine Service and Storage - Thunderbird Boats with name [redacted] Illinois, Telephone [redacted]
21. A bill marked paid May 21, 1958 from Mineola Marine Storage and Sales, Fox Lake, Illinois, issued to [redacted] for a 17 foot Higgins Utility Boat with 125 horsepower
22. A bill of lading from Boat Transit Company, 23829 Little Mack Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, for a boat consigned to [redacted] on [redacted] Illinois

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23. A bill issued to [redacted]
care of Wyn - Oak Appliance Company,
6801 Roseville, Berwin, Illinois
for the transportation of boat
24. A receipt from Safe Deposit Company
of Detroit for box number [redacted]
for rental to May 7, 1958, the lessee
indicated as [redacted] (two keys
in a small sealed envelope were with
this bill and possibly are keys to above
safe deposit box)
25. Photostat of discharge from United
States Navy for [redacted]
United States Navy Serial Number [redacted]
discharged [redacted]
26. Membership card issued to [redacted]
by Detroit YMCA, Fisher Branch, on
February 28, 1958.
27. A business card from Beron Distributing
Company, JESS BERON, 2141 London Street,
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
28. Michigan Operator's License, number
[redacted] issued to [redacted]
[redacted] which expired April 10, 1958
29. A credit card issued to [redacted]
[redacted] by the Sands Hotel, number
[redacted]
30. An invoice from Beron Distributing Company,
2141 London Street, West, Windsor, Ontario,
number 5146, dated June 16, 1958, to [redacted]
[redacted] Ill. The
lower half of this invoice bears the
following handwritten information: "2
Only Space helmet sets - Retail value \$4.50.
No charge Gift Paid JB"
[redacted] gave this invoice to SA(A) FUSELIER.

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[redacted] At 10:02 PM. November 6, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] of [redacted], Michigan, telephonically advised SA(A) [redacted] that he had just received a telephone call at his home from [redacted] in Chicago. She inquired if he had heard from [redacted] and [redacted] and he answered "no". He stated that she advised him that if he had any papers for her to sign, that he could send them to [redacted] Illinois. She also asked if "anyone" had been in contact with him or with [redacted] related that he had attempted to press her as to where she could be reached or where [redacted] or [redacted] could be reached; however, had been unsuccessful. She added that she might be in contact with him again on Sunday night, November 9, 1958.

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At this time, [redacted] added that he recalled cashing other checks of JACK SHUBOW for either [redacted] or [redacted] in about June, 1958. He also stated that records of the Admiral Finance Corporation were in the possession of Tobias and Tobias, accountants for the firm, or in the possession of [redacted] the corporation's attorney, whose offices are in the Penobscot Building, Detroit.

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On November 12, 1958, [redacted] advised that he had received a person to person long-distance call from [redacted] about 3:00 PM, and she was calling from Chicago. She stated that she was going to be in Detroit the next day and he would hear from her. She asked him at that time if he had "heard from anyone else". She also asked him if he had sent the papers for her to sign as [redacted] Admiral Finance Corporation, and when he replied in the affirmative, she stated that there was no general delivery at [redacted] and the envelope would probably be at the main station in Chicago. He added that she was very vague and her conversation appeared to be "flighty". He stated he was unable to secure any information from her relative to her own whereabouts or that of [redacted] or [redacted]

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On November 13, 1958, [redacted] advised that he had received a letter from [redacted] postmarked [redacted] at 9:00 PM, on November 12, 1958, which contained the papers which he had sent to her for her signature.

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On the morning of November 14, 1958, [redacted] advised that he had received a call about 11:00 AM, from [redacted] calling from Chicago. At that time, she stated there was something wrong and it was "big". She told [redacted] his name was connected with this situation; however, he was not to worry as he was an innocent person and she apologized for involving him. [redacted] advised him that [redacted] and [redacted] were gone; however, they had left her full permission to handle their money and she wanted checks made out to her for all funds belonging to them in Admiral and Northern.

[redacted] further requested [redacted] to make out an alimony check to [redacted] as she was worried about [redacted] advised that he could not make out checks to her as she desired and he could not pay out funds of Admiral until the full sale was consummated and the company dissolved as such. [redacted] stated that should he desire to get in touch with her, he could write to her under the name of [redacted] [redacted] Illinois. In case of emergency, he could call Chicago telephone number [redacted] and then state that "Mr. [redacted] was calling; also, for him to leave a number and she would call him back. He stated in this conversation, she indicated that [redacted] and [redacted] were not in Chicago and were not in touch at that time with either her or [redacted]

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[redacted] At 11:22 p.m. on November 16, 1958, Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that he had received a long
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at approximately 11:00 p.m. the same date.

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According to [redacted] appeared
to be very upset and told him she wanted to get as much money
together as possible and requested him to send her all of the
money due [redacted] from the Admiral Finance Corporation and
Northern Discount Corporation.

[redacted] stated that he advised [redacted] that
the only money he could release was \$5,600.00 which was an
amount loaned by [redacted] to Northern Discount on a non-interest
bearing note which was then due. He stated that before he could
release any additional funds to [redacted] it would be necessary
that the stock certificates and papers of dissolution of Admiral
Finance Corporation be signed by [redacted] and [redacted] as well
as [redacted]

[redacted] related that [redacted] appeared to
be very upset and he attempted to press her for the location of
[redacted] and [redacted] without success.

He stated that [redacted] asked him if he had
been questioned by officers and he answered in the affirmative
stating that he had been questioned on November 14, 1958, and
pictures of [redacted] and [redacted] had been
displayed to him and he had identified them. [redacted] then
asked [redacted] if he had been questioned relative to "any of
the colored boys". [redacted] stated that he advised her he
had not been so questioned. [redacted] related that she would
call him at 2:00 p.m. on November 17, 1958, at his office at
which time she would give him a number to call and stated that
she was then calling from her phone, number [redacted]
[redacted] made some remark to [redacted] that she believed her
telephone was "tapped".

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[redacted] advised [redacted] that she did not
have any idea as to the location of [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he then talked to [redacted] who reiterated that it was their desire that [redacted] assemble all funds of [redacted] and [redacted] at the two companies and if he could not send it [redacted] to place it in a safety deposit box or some place where it would be readily available to him. [redacted] stated that he refused to do this and told [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] would have to appear in person before any additional funds could be released to them. He stated that [redacted] appeared to be calm and she also stated she was unaware of the present whereabouts of [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] related that it was his intention to call a meeting of the stockholders to vote [redacted] out as [redacted] of Admiral Finance Corporation in order that the final sale of the company could be consummated.

On November 17, 1958, [redacted] called at the Detroit Office of the FBI at which time he advised that one [redacted] a wholesale clothing establishment at 4835 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, had mentioned to him that morning that he had sold some bowling shirts to Scanlon Radio and Television in Milwaukee. However, the company went bankrupt and all the merchandise was gone.

[redacted] stated that he recalled that an individual named [redacted] who had worked for [redacted] at Coronet Sales in Detroit, was reportedly operating a basement waterproofing firm in Toronto, Canada. He stated that he had received this information from previous conversations with [redacted] and it was his recollection that [redacted] either [redacted] in the firm. He stated that

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he believed the company granting the franchise was located in Detroit on West Six or Seven Mile Road and he believed the name of the firm was on an old card of [redacted] in [redacted] mail slot at Northern Discount Corporation. [redacted] related that this individual known as [redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had ascertained from [redacted] that [redacted] place of business in Toronto was an established furniture business which sold a great many sewing machines and advertised sales of sewing machines a great deal. [redacted] related that this was in his opinion

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rather unusual inasmuch as most furniture establishments do not sell sewing machines. [redacted] related that he recalled from conversation to the effect that one [redacted] was working for [redacted] in Chicago, however, he did not know this individual's last name. He stated he believed he met [redacted] at a party in 1955 and he was introduced as a [redacted] or [redacted] in Detroit. He described [redacted] as about [redacted] hair, [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] A picture of SAM FINAZZO, aka., was displayed to [redacted]; however, he stated that this photograph was not that of the [redacted] he had referred to. [redacted] added that the features of both individuals and coloring were the same; however, it was his recollection that [redacted] did not appear to be as old as FINAZZO and his hair did not appear to be as gray.

[redacted] A picture of three couples was displayed to [redacted] and he identified the man and the woman in the left background as being [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated that he could not identify the other two couples in the picture, however, he believed the man in the right foreground might have been a salesman at Grand Sales, however, could not be sure in this regard.

[redacted] Relative to the finances of the two fugitives, [redacted] stated that he was unable to account for the fact that [redacted] should suddenly ask for all funds of [redacted] and [redacted] and did not appear interested in the \$5,600.00 which he could release to her. He stated that he has never known [redacted] nor [redacted] to be without funds in substantial amounts.

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He stated that Associates Loan Discount is still holding \$3,000.00 as an escrow portion of the sale of Admiral Finance Corporation which would not be released until all papers were signed and the books and records completely audited. [redacted] related that insofar as the dissolution of Admiral Finance Corporation was concerned, they had reached the "end of the line" in stalling in attempts to get the signatures of [redacted] and [redacted]. He states that Northern Discount now has on deposit between \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00 for [redacted] as the result of payments of Accounts Receivable of [redacted]

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On the same date, at 3:02 p.m., [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] telephonically that he had received a telephone call from [redacted] and [redacted] at approximately 2:30 p.m. During the course of this conversation, [redacted] requested him to send her her mail if any had accumulated at Northern Discount Corporation, and seemed to be unduly concerned about [redacted] and her financial status. [redacted] advised [redacted] that she had been arrested by the FBI. However, stated that she was innocent and it had nothing to do with the Northern Discount Corporation or Admiral Finance Corporation. He stated that she did not elaborate when he attempted to question her further in this regard. She specifically asked that [redacted] send her her bank statement and a pad of blank checks drawn on the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

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[redacted] related that he questioned her about the two checks of Rich-Mor Sales which had "bounced" and he received the impression that [redacted] was not aware that these checks had been returned inasmuch as she specifically asked if [redacted] knew if [redacted] was aware that these checks had been returned. He stated that [redacted] and [redacted] both reiterated that they would like to have all of their money from Northern and Admiral converted to cash. However, they did not ask him any questions as to the total amounts and appeared to be less concerned about the money than they had been in their next previous telephone call.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] requested him to send her mail to [redacted] in Chicago as previously reported. [redacted] related that he had determined that the firm granting the franchise for the waterproofing firm in Toronto was Vulcan Industries of Detroit.

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[redacted] added that he did not recall if he had previously informed Agents in previous interviews that the two additional stockholders in Admiral Finance Corporation.

[redacted] and [redacted] He stated that his memory in this regard had been stimulated by a remark that [redacted] had made during the telephone call wherein she requested that the interests of these two individuals should be converted to cash and sent to her.

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[redacted] related that he had ascertained that [redacted] had been calling [redacted] in Toronto from pay telephones at the Cunningham Drug Store adjacent to Northern Discount Corporation. However, he did not know if [redacted] paid the charges or called collect.

[redacted] On November 20, 1958, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been receiving a letter from Toronto every day for approximately a week, whereas previously he had received about one letter weekly. On this date, [redacted] made a remark to [redacted] something to the effect that he was "acting as a go-between and had additional duties to perform".

[redacted] related that [redacted] had received some money, amount undetermined, reportedly from [redacted] on this date, and thereafter he placed this money in an envelope which he addressed to [redacted] in care of [redacted]. [redacted] put the return address of [redacted] on the envelope, the address of [redacted]

[redacted] related that on the evening of November 19, 1958, he had mailed a large brown envelope to [redacted] addressed to [redacted] at the Chicago address previously reported, at which time he had sent her mail, the pad of blank checks and a check in the amount of \$5,600.00 payable to [redacted], drawn on Northern Discount Corporation. [redacted] related that he had also sent a note referring any future inquiries of [redacted] to [redacted] the attorney for Admiral Finance Corporation.

[redacted] advised that when [redacted] had called for Northern Discount mail at the Michigan and 31st Street Branch of the post office on the morning of November 20, 1958, [redacted] had been advised that there was a registered letter for [redacted] bearing Northern's address and the post office requested [redacted] to sign for this registered letter which he did not do. [redacted] stated that he had not as yet decided if he should accept this letter. [redacted] stated that he would immediately advise the Detroit Office when he received notice of the clearance of the \$5,600.00 check payable to [redacted]

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On November 24, 1958, [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that on Saturday morning, November 22, 1958, a letter addressed to Mr. [redacted] had been delivered to Northern Discount Corporation. [redacted] related that this envelope was a manila-windowed envelope and bore the return address of [redacted]. [redacted] He said the letter appeared to be a business-type letter and immediately above [redacted] name was the number. [redacted]

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On November 28, 1958, [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that on the morning of that date he had a conversation with [redacted] and [redacted] made inquiry of him as to how he could sell an automobile in California. [redacted] wanted to sell a Jaguar and [redacted] related that [redacted] had the title to this automobile in his possession which was made out in the name of [redacted].

During this conversation, [redacted] made a remark relative to not receiving a letter from Toronto which was supposed to have contained money for [redacted]. [redacted] related that he had terminated [redacted] services as a salesman of repossessed sewing machines at Northern Discount Corporation as of November 30, 1958. [redacted] related that [redacted] subsequent to that date would be operating a telephone answering service at Six Mile and Livernois on the west side of the street across from the University of Detroit campus.

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[redacted] stated that a stockholder's meeting of the stockholders of Admiral Discount Corporation had been set for December 2, 1958, at which time Attorney [redacted] would be elected [redacted].

On December 3, 1958, [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that [redacted] had called Attorney [redacted] on Friday, November 28, 1958, and had inquired of [redacted] as to how she could get money from Northern and Admiral Discount which belonged to [redacted]. [redacted] related that [redacted] as [redacted] of Admiral Corporation, would in the future be responsible for any disbursements of cash by either company; however, [redacted] would still be required to sign the checks and would have knowledge of any disbursements made.

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[redacted] stated that on December 1, 1958, [redacted] had indicated in a conversation that he was sending the title to the red Jaguar to California in order to sell the automobile, however, he did not say to whom the title was being sent.

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[redacted] related that he had received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as [redacted] on December 2, 1958. [redacted] asked for [redacted] and stated he was an attorney who was handling some affairs for [redacted] and upon being advised that [redacted] did not know [redacted] whereabouts left the number [redacted] for [redacted] to call in the event he came to Northern Discount. [redacted] related that he had checked this number which was listed to one [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that on the morning of December 3, 1958, he had received another letter addressed to [redacted] at the Northern Discount address which bore the return address of [redacted] [redacted] advised that he had checked with the Manufacturers National Bank and the \$5,600.00 check, described heretofore, had not been charged against the account of his company to date.

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On November 7, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. [] advised SA(A) [] and SA(A) JOHN P. MURPHY that the last time they had seen [] was October 30, 1958, at which time the [] had attended a funeral of [].

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[] stated [] had never been close to any of her relatives, however, she had resided in the past at the home of Mrs. [] who now resides at [].

The [] stated that [] and [] had visited [] father and mother during the second week of October, 1958, in Bessemer, Michigan.

[] stated that as far as he could recall, [] was driving a [] with a white top and bottom and red through the middle. He said he thought this car had a continental kit in the rear.

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[] stated that he had seen a .22 rifle in [] apartment somewhere on [] before [] had moved in with one [] in late 1957.

The [] said that they recalled the wedding of the [] had been held at a Mrs. [] house somewhere on the east side. They said that [] had formerly been a good friend of [] of Mrs. [].

On November 8, 1958, Mrs. [] telephonically advised SA(A) [] that she had contacted her Mrs. [] who also attended the recent funeral in [] and had been advised that the license number of the automobile being driven by [] was 1958 Michigan License numbered [].

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On November 18, 1958, a search of Law and Chancery records by SA(A) MURPHY for any information regarding [] disclosed no record of a marriage or divorce obtained by this Subject in Wayne County, Michigan, however, under Chancery File Number [] a petition filed by [] Plaintiff vs. the Detroit, Michigan, Police was located. In his petition, [] requested that his

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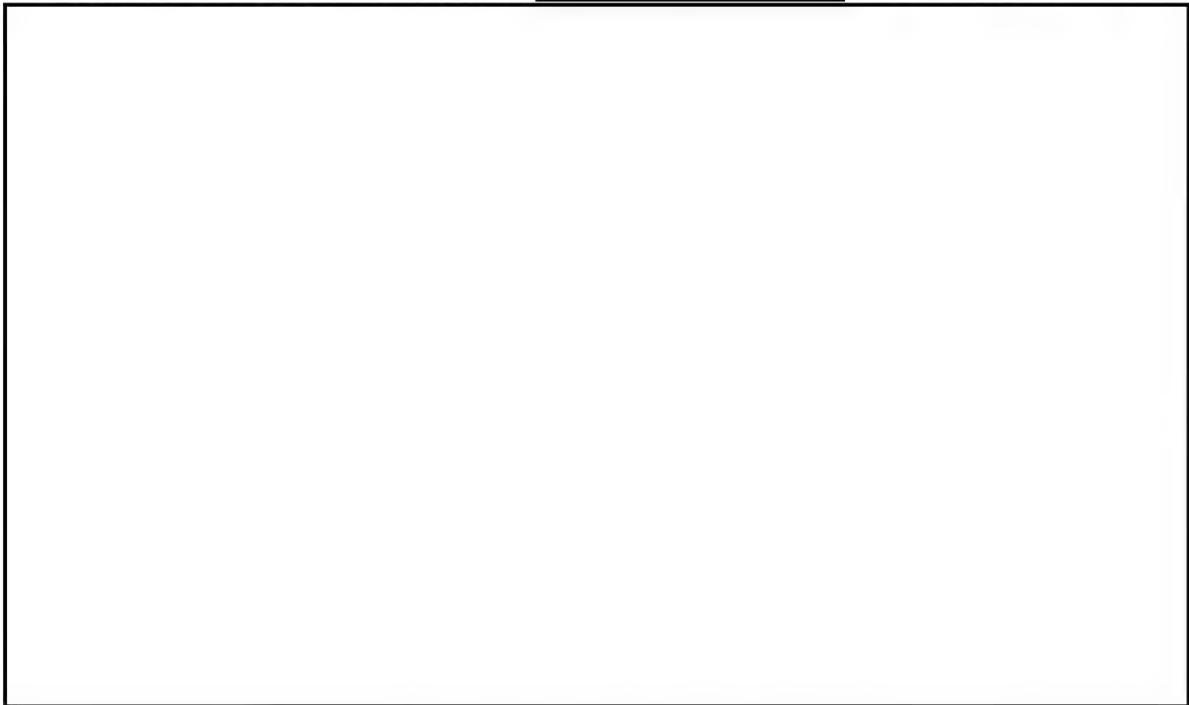
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police record be expunged. This petition was dated February 20,
1956, and the attorney representing [redacted] was one [redacted]
[redacted] 1813-14 Ford Building, Detroit.

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[redacted] It is to be noted that signatures of [redacted]
if needed are set forth on this petition.

A search of chattel mortgage records on this
same date by SA(A) MURPHY at the Chattel Mortgage Section,
Wayne County Register of Deeds Office, disclosed the following
chattel mortgages filed against [redacted]



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[redacted] It is to be noted that signatures of [redacted] and
[redacted] are available if needed on the above chattel
mortgages and notes.

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On November 7, 1958, [redacted] was interviewed by SA(A) [redacted] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had [redacted] in early January, 1958, at Detroit. [redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] as being [redacted]. He stated that although he had always been very close to [redacted] he had never been able to make friends with [redacted] and he had, in fact, begun to dislike him.

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He further advised that he had last seen [redacted] when they were in Detroit around November 1, 1958. He stated that they had attended the funeral of [redacted]

[redacted] during the previous week and from [redacted] was going to visit his wife's parents in the far upper Peninsula of Michigan. He said that he understood that they were to stay at his parents home for only a day or two and from there they were going to California.

[redacted] stated that he had never been able to engage [redacted] in any friendly conversations and that he never had a clear idea of just what [redacted] did for a living, where he was working or what the nature of his job was. He stated that when he asked [redacted] a simple question such as where he was residing in Detroit that [redacted] always gave him an evasive answer.

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When [redacted] was informed of [redacted] fugitive status, he became upset and concerned about [redacted] well-being and stated that he would do anything in his power to have [redacted] apprehended by the FBI.

He volunteered to telephone his parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Michigan. After making this telephone call, [redacted] advised that his parents had stated that [redacted] and [redacted] had left at 8:30 a.m. that morning for California. However, their destination in California was not known. He said his parents had also informed him that [redacted] had shipped some of his luggage that morning by railway express to California.

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At Bessemer, Michigan:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA(A) [redacted]

On November 8, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Bessemer, stated that their [redacted] the Subject (as [redacted]) shortly after January 1, 1958. They stated that [redacted] and [redacted] have recently been living in Detroit, Michigan, but came to Bessemer to visit the [redacted] on October 31, 1958. [redacted] and [redacted] left on November 7, 1958, stating they were going to California, [redacted] telling Mr. [redacted] that they were going to visit Mrs. [redacted] (formerly part of San Fernando), California, phone [redacted] told Mr. [redacted] that she and [redacted] intended to find a place to live near where [redacted] was living and also somewhere near the local airport in Sylmar.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] left Bessemer about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., November 7, 1958, driving a [redacted] light colored, red stripe on fender, but that before they left he accompanied [redacted] to the local railroad depot where [redacted] shipped several boxes to California, he believed to Mrs. [redacted] house, above-mentioned.

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Mr. [redacted] further stated that about three or four weeks prior to November 8, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] had visited at the [redacted] home for four or five days. During this time, Subject [redacted] purchased a 1958 license (Michigan) for his [redacted] automobile, Mr. [redacted] presumed in Bessemer. He stated that he saw [redacted] attaching this license to the [redacted] so he is positive he bought it.

On November 8, 1958, Officer [redacted] Bessemer Police Department, who resides next door to the [redacted] stated that during the week ending October 28, 1958, [redacted] bought a driver's license at the Bessemer Police Department. She stated that at that time she and her husband were visiting in Bessemer and they intended moving to California.

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Officer [redacted] stated that on November 6, 1958, he saw [redacted] putting six or seven rifle cases in the trunk of his car, a [redacted] yellow bottom, white top, four-door, 1958 model with a canvas covered car top carrier on the roof. [redacted] stated that the car had a local (Gogebic County) license on it at that time, beginning with either [redacted] letters. [redacted] stated that the rifle cases were light tan in color, and appeared, from the way [redacted] was handling them, to be heavy, as if containing rifles.

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On November 8, 1958, [redacted] Hilltop Cafe, Bessemer, who issues auto licenses for the Michigan Secretary of State, stated after examining his records, that the only license he has sold in the past three months for a 1958 or 1959 [redacted] was to [redacted]

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[redacted] Michigan, for a [redacted] four-door, 1958 Michigan License [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] stated he was not sure whether the car was a 1958 or 1959 model but that it had a cream top and red bottom. The individual driving the car was of medium height and build, according to [redacted] who stated he remembered him only vaguely, and he stated that he had been staying in a motel in the area and was hunting birds. He also stated he had just purchased the car. [redacted] sold the license to this individual on October 17, 1958.

On November 10, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] Bessemer, stated that on November 7, 1958, [redacted] shipped three suitcases and seven boxes via Railway Express from Bessemer to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] California. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the shipment will probably arrive in California about November 12 or 13, 1958, and will go to the San Fernando, California, office of Railway Express, for delivery by truck to Sylmar. Subject [redacted] insured the shipment for \$1,500.00, remarking that one box was worth \$500.00.

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The Milwaukee Office advised by communication dated November 7, 1958, that the United States Attorney, Milwaukee, had requested that the Detroit Division segregate merchandise from that which was recovered to be used as evidence. The United States Attorney suggested that this merchandise should be of the type which could be identified by serial numbers or other suitable markings, and of a total value of \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

On November 12 and 14, 1958, SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER segregated and marked as evidence merchandise located at Love Brothers Cartage and Terminal Service, 300 McKinstry Street, Detroit. Work papers were prepared, showing description of merchandise, name and address of vendor to Scarlon Radio and Music, purchase order number and transit markings where such transit markings were available. The merchandise so listed came from 19 vendors and consisted of bicycles, appliances, and houseware.

On November 12 and 14, 1958, SA(A) JOHN P. MURPHY similarly prepared work papers for merchandise selected for evidentiary purposes located at the B. J. Pollard warehouse, 14300 Prairie Street, Detroit. The latter work papers lists merchandise from 13 vendors and consists of appliances, baby strollers, and sporting goods. These work papers are being retained in the files of the Detroit Office.

The Milwaukee Office advised by communication dated November 24, 1958, that the United States Attorney, Milwaukee, had advised that it would not be necessary to retain this merchandise for evidentiary purposes and after a complete inventory and photographs were made, the merchandise could be auctioned by the bankruptcy court.

SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER photographed one item from each group of merchandise selected as evidence on November 26, 1958, and these photographs are being retained in the files of the Detroit Office.

On November 27, 1958, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Detroit, advised that he did not desire to retain the above-mentioned merchandise for evidentiary purposes as the inventory and photographs could serve as admissible evidence.

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On November 13, 1958, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] Detroit, advised that he would authorize prosecution of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On the same date, a complaint signed by SA (A) [REDACTED] was filed before United States District Judge CLIFFORD O'SULLIVAN, Detroit. The complaint charges that on or about October 3, 1958, through October 20, 1958, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did receive, conceal, store, dispose and sell certain wares and merchandise in an amount in excess of \$5,000.00, moving in interstate commerce from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Detroit, Michigan, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, knowing the same to have been unlawfully converted and taken; in violation of Section 2315, Title 18, United States Code. Warrants were issued on the same day.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that she had not heard from [redacted] and [redacted] since they moved to California early this year. She stated that the [redacted] had been married in [redacted] in January of 1958, however, no clear wedding pictures had been developed. She stated that she had heard from Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] that the [redacted] had been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin two months ago.

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She said that shortly after the wedding, the [redacted] had gone to California where they stayed for a short time at the home of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] who resided at [redacted] California. Mrs. [redacted] said that she had heard from [redacted] and [redacted] had then lived with a [redacted] of [redacted] California, for awhile and that the [redacted] had then moved into their own apartment.

Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] had later informed her that the [redacted] had gotten into trouble with the police in California because of marijuana parties which they held in their apartment.

Mrs. [redacted] said that she had subsequently found out that [redacted] had been [redacted] to one [redacted] [redacted] who now resides in Detroit with her mother.

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Mrs. [redacted] said upon being shown photographs of Subjects in this case that the only person familiar to her was one [redacted] whose photograph she identified. This photograph is that of [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] stated that the only time she had seen [redacted] was at the wedding of the [redacted] at [redacted]

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number [redacted] telephone [redacted] advised that he is currently employed as [redacted] located on [redacted] Cass Avenue in Detroit. He stated that one [redacted] who formerly was [redacted] had subsequently left the company employ and for that reason he, [redacted] had inherited [redacted] accounts. [redacted] stated that some of the accounts he inherited from [redacted] were Border Novelty Sales Company:

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[redacted] and Bell Novelty Company. [redacted] stated that these persons and/or companies had purchased and/or serviced Cadillac automobiles through him in the past year to eighteen months.

[redacted] stated that he had recently been contacted by [redacted] who had inquired regarding trading in his 1958 Cadillac for a 1959 model. [redacted] said that he had recalled selling the 1958 Cadillac to [redacted] and he described this car as a [redacted] [redacted] said that the title to this car was in [redacted] mother's name, one [redacted], Detroit.

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[redacted] said as far as he could remember, [redacted] had told him that he had to go to Miami, Florida on business, something to do with a Riverside Sales Company.

[redacted] said that he also recalled that [redacted] had been in Miami, Florida in January, 1958, working with [redacted] in some business that they had established there.

[redacted] said that the last time he had seen [redacted] [redacted] was on or about October 18, 1958. He said that at that time, [redacted] wanted him to sell [redacted] 1957 Oldsmobile. [redacted] said that he had this automobile cleaned up to sell but [redacted] called a couple of days later and told him that she did not desire to have the car sold.

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[redacted] said that on October 20, 1958, [redacted] came into the Cadillac agency and obtained the title to her car which had been left with the agency and then left. [redacted] said that he noticed when she drove off that there were several

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suitcases in back of the Oldsmobile and that she was extremely well dressed and wore a mink stole.

[redacted] said that he had sold [redacted] a beige and cream [redacted] in August of 1958 and had frequently loaned [redacted] Cadillac demonstrator cars in the past.

[redacted] said that the last time he had seen [redacted] [redacted] was on October 18, 1958, at which time he had loaned [redacted] his personally owned automobile, a [redacted] 1958 Michigan License [redacted] said that [redacted] used his automobile from October 18, 1958, through October 26, 1958, and had not bothered to tell him where he could pick up his car.

[redacted] said that he contacted the Detroit Police Department in regard to locating his car and that shortly thereafter he received a telephone call from [redacted] who told him that his [redacted] was parked in the rear of [redacted] Detroit.

[redacted] said that [redacted] formerly had a 1957 Coupe de Ville, color light blue with a light top, which he, [redacted] had sold for [redacted] in September of 1958. [redacted] said that when he had sold [redacted] car, he took a [redacted] [redacted] purple and cream in color, as a trade in and loaned this automobile to [redacted] and [redacted] during the first two weeks of September.

[redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] and [redacted] were partners in the Bell Novelty Company and [redacted] said that he had sold [redacted] a [redacted] black in color, and that this automobile had been financed through the General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

[redacted] stated that he had had many telephone conversations with [redacted] and/or [redacted] that they frequently called him about buying, selling, servicing or borrowing an automobile and that he never knew anything about their business and certainly never thought that they were engaged in anything illegal. He said that he recalled that [redacted] had called him from Chicago during July and August, 1958, concerning the sale of his, [redacted] 1957 Cadillac which was finally sold. [redacted] said that he recalled that the proceeds of this sale were in the form of a Cashier's Check made out to Admiral Finance Company or Northern Discount Company.

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He said that he also recalled that [redacted] had called him from Chicago several times and that he also thought that [redacted] had called him from St. Louis. [redacted] said that he recalled that [redacted] had called him at his, [redacted] home on October 3, 1958, and that [redacted] had also called on that same date, inquiring about the sale of [redacted] 1957 Oldsmobile. [redacted] said that neither [redacted] nor [redacted] stated where they were calling from.

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[redacted] stated that the last time he had seen [redacted] [redacted] had inquired about the purchase of a 1959 Cadillac and arrangements were made for [redacted] to wait until the beginning of the year, that is January, 1959, at which time he would make this purchase.

[redacted] was advised that [redacted] is now a fugitive from justice and a Federal warrant has been issued for his arrest. [redacted] was also advised of the nature of the Harboring Statute and he stated he would cooperate fully and immediately in furnishing any information of value that he may obtain to the FBI.

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[redacted] was subsequently advised of the fugitive status of [redacted] and [redacted] at the time process was obtained on these Subjects in Detroit, Michigan.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) DATE: November 25, 1958

FROM : SA(A) JOHN P. MURPHY Date Dictated: 11/20/58

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka. -

FUGITIVE; [REDACTED]
aka. - FUGITIVE
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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The following information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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If any of the records of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are needed for production in court, the subpoena should
be directed to Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA (A) WILLIAM T. BOLAND and SA [redacted]

On November 19, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, advised Mrs. [redacted] resided in the apartment building and was employed as a [redacted] at [redacted]. She advised that Mrs. [redacted] visit her quite often. She said she is not acquainted with [redacted] and has never seen him call on his mother. She said she had the phone numbers of the two daughters, and she was to notify them in the event anything should happen to Mrs. [redacted]. She furnished the following phone numbers:

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Mrs. [redacted] was shown photographs of [redacted] and [redacted]. She stated that she has never seen any of the Subjects.

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On November 19, 1958, the Cross Index Directories for Detroit and surrounding areas were checked and the subscriber to telephone [redacted] was [redacted] Michigan. A subscriber to telephone number [redacted] was not shown in the directories.

Mr. [redacted] Detroit, telephone [redacted] advised that she and her husband were not acquainted with [redacted] or [redacted]. She said her husband [redacted] is [redacted] years old and is employed by [redacted], Birmingham, Michigan. She said he has employed by [redacted] for [redacted] years and has never mentioned anyone by the name of [redacted] or [redacted].

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that their last name was formerly [redacted] and it was legally changed in 1943 to [redacted]. She said apparently there was an individual

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by the name of [redacted] living on Grandville several years ago because they received numerous correspondence at this address. She said they also received a number of telephone calls for this particular [redacted]. She said that neither she nor her husband ever learned the address of the other [redacted]

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[redacted] On November 19, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan, telephone [redacted] advised that he has been residing at this address for approximately [redacted]. He stated that he is acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and recalls that on or about August 29, 1958, [redacted] may have visited the [redacted]. He said at that time they had a birthday party for Mr. [redacted] and there were a number of people visiting on that day, and he cannot be certain that [redacted] was one of them. He was shown photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] and he indicated that a party resembling [redacted] had visited the [redacted]. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, the [redacted] have [redacted] children, [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated he recalls seeing all the children at one time or another except for [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] advised that should he see [redacted] in the neighborhood or learn that he is visiting the [redacted], he would immediately call the Detroit Office of the FBI.

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan advised SA (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER and SA (A) WILLIAM T. BOLAND that [redacted] married Subject [redacted] some time in 1952. They stated that they were very much opposed to this marriage. However, [redacted] had left one weekend and came back stating she had married [redacted]. They said they did not know where they had been married and did not have proof of any kind that they were in fact married.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he had never liked [redacted] and all of his attempts to become friendly with him had failed. He said that [redacted] was always evasive anything which he asked him and that he did not have a clear idea of how [redacted] and [redacted] earned their living. However, they always seemed to have a good deal of money.

He said that [redacted] and [redacted] visited them very seldom and they had last seen them approximately six weeks previously and at that time [redacted] and [redacted] had stated that they were staying in a motel in the north end of town. He said that he has not heard from them since that time. He further related that in about April, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] had become very ill and that they had been unable to get in touch with [redacted] until she had called them by long distance telephone from Miami, Florida.

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Mr. [redacted] appeared to be very cooperative and stated that he would immediately notify the Detroit Office of the FBI if he should learn of [redacted] whereabouts.

On November 20, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Detroit, advised SA (A)s FUSELIER and BOLAND that she did not know anything about [redacted] [redacted] and that she had last seen him on her birthday last March. She said that she has not received any telephone calls or letters from him since that time. Mrs. [redacted] stated after approximately five minutes of interview that she had an appointment at the hairdressers and from there she was going to work at the [redacted] and she did not desire to be interviewed further.

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On November 25, 1958, Miss [redacted] Attorney, 2101 Cadillac Tower Building, advised SA (A) FUSELIER that her close friend, [redacted] had brought her a corporate record of Grand Sales Company some time ago and said that [redacted] desired that this corporation be liquidated. Examination of these records revealed that the stockholders of the Grand Sales Corporation were [redacted] and [redacted]

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Miss [redacted] said that she had not done any work toward liquidating this corporation and that she had not seen or heard from [redacted] since approximately March, 1958. She said that she did not know [redacted] or [redacted]

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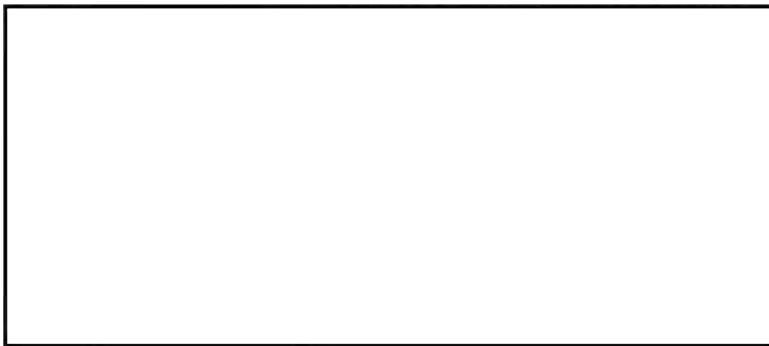
Mrs. [redacted]
Detroit, advised SA(A) FUSELLER and SA(A) [redacted]
that she and [redacted] approximately [redacted]
[redacted] ago and have been [redacted] for the past [redacted]
[redacted] She said that they were in the [redacted]
[redacted] However, the final decree had never been issued as
she had been unable to pay her attorney his fee.

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She stated that the only friends that she knew
which [redacted] had when he was residing in Detroit were
[redacted] and [redacted] and that these men had been
their friends since they were [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she had not known
for the past six months where [redacted] was living. However,
she was aware that he had been living with [redacted]
as man and wife for the past [redacted] years. Mrs. [redacted] further
advised that [redacted] relatives in Detroit were as follows:

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Mrs. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] had been
sending her \$70.00 per week for the support of her and [redacted]
[redacted] and had also been paying the mortgage on their
home which is \$108.00 per month. She stated that she had not
received her \$70.00 weekly allotment for the past three weeks
and was beginning to be in very desperate need of money.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she could state in all
truthfulness that she did not have any idea where [redacted] was
located. However, she said that she did not believe that she
would tell the FBI or any law enforcement agency where he was
if she did know of his whereabouts. She was advised of the
provisions of the Harboring Statute. However, she again stated
that she did not believe she would reveal [redacted] whereabouts
if she did know where he was.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * United States Government

TO : SAC, Detroit (49-1185) DATE: December 10, 1958

FROM : SA(A) [redacted] Date Dictated: 12/8/58

SUBJECT: [redacted], aka.;
[redacted] aka. - FUGITIVE;
[redacted] aka. - FUGITIVE; et al
NBA; ITSP

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[redacted] advised that he does not maintain any books or records for [redacted] or any of their friends. [redacted] said he is not a certified public accountant, however, he operates an accounting service for clients. He said he had prepared income tax returns for [redacted] in the past, but reiterated that this was the only type of record he has ever prepared for [redacted]

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[redacted] said he had recently attempted to contact [redacted] regarding a fee of \$35.00 which [redacted] claimed [redacted] owed him for preparing a 1957 income tax return. He stated that he had received a telephone call which [redacted] had made from Toronto, Canada, in October, 1958. [redacted] advised that this call was regarding the \$35.00 fee, and said that [redacted] had promised to send him the money but had not yet done so. He said he had no knowledge concerning any assets, checking accounts, or records regarding [redacted] or any business operated by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has not been out of Detroit in the past six months. He said as far as he was concerned [redacted] was an honest businessman. He said he knew nothing about Border Novelty, Bell Novelty, Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, or anyone named [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute and the Fugitive Status of [redacted] and [redacted]. He was shown photographs of Subjects and Suspects in this case and only identified a photograph of [redacted] as being familiar to him. He repeatedly denied any business connection with [redacted] or [redacted]. He said he had visited [redacted] in the past when [redacted] had maintained a sewing machines business on Grand River Avenue in Detroit, and recalled that a Miss [redacted] had worked for [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he wished to cooperate in this matter and requested time to review his papers for information regarding [redacted]. He said he would notify the FBI if he received any information of value concerning [redacted] or [redacted] whereabouts.

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[redacted] telephonically advised SA(A) FUSELIER that he wished to make some explanations in regard to the information he had furnished on November 21, 1958.

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[redacted] was contacted at his home, [redacted] and advised that he had furnished "misleading" information in regard to his relationship with [redacted] and the telephone call he had received from [redacted] in Toronto, Canada. [redacted] said that he had been keeping the General Ledger for the Grand Sales Company, and other incorporation records. He said that [redacted] had called him to request that he, [redacted] have an attorney liquidate the Grand Sales Company. [redacted] said that he had taken the corporation papers to one of his friends, Miss [redacted] Attorney, to take care of liquidating the company. He said that he had instructed Miss [redacted] not to do any work in this regard until she had collected a retainer from [redacted] therefore she had not done anything to date.

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by Special Agent JOHN D. FUSELIER and SA DONALD W. MOORE, Jr./bjm

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On December 3, 1958, JOHN W. GINTHER, Clerk of Court, United States District Court, advised SA (A) FUSELIER that he had received a telephone call from attorney [redacted], [redacted] Detroit.

[redacted] had related that he had just received a telephone call from one of his attorney friends. [redacted] (phonetic) from Miami, who had advised [redacted] that he was representing Subject [redacted] and he wanted to arrange to have [redacted] turn himself in at Detroit. GINTHER was advised that it was believed that Subject [redacted] probably was with [redacted] and he should request [redacted] to have [redacted] also surrender himself if he should be with [redacted]

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Later on the same day, GINTHER advised that [redacted] would surrender himself to the Detroit office of the FBI on the following Monday, December 8, 1958.

On December 8, 1958, at approximately 2:55 p.m. GINTHER telephonically advised that he had just been notified that attorney [redacted] had reported with [redacted] and to the Court Room of United States District Judge ARTHUR F. LEDERLE for an arraignment at 3:00 p.m. Subjects [redacted] and [redacted] were arraigned before United States District Judge LEDERLE, both stood mute and examinations were continued to December 22, 1958. Bond was fixed at \$1,500.00 each and both Subjects were released after posting a cash bond.

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised SA (A) FUSELIER that they would not consent to being interviewed until they had discussed this matter with an attorney at Detroit and stated that they would contact the Detroit Office later to arrange for an interview.

The following descriptions of [redacted] and [redacted] were obtained on this date:

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Place of birth
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Complexion
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Scars and marks

Occupation

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On December 5, 1958, SA (A) FUSELIER contacted [redacted] at the Public Auction sale of the merchandise recovered at Detroit. [redacted] said that [redacted] of Todd's, Inc., a discount store, located at 11th and E Streets, Washington, D.C., had been the high-bulk bidder on this merchandise with a bid of \$59000.00. [redacted] said that [redacted] had computed his bid at 50% of wholesale cost and stated that this type of merchandise is usually sold at a minimum of double the wholesale prices. [redacted] stated that this means that the merchandise recovered at Detroit was estimated to have cost \$118,000.00 at wholesale and to have a retail value of \$236,000.00.

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On November 6, 1958, [redacted]

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[redacted] Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., 1100 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, Michigan, advised that information in their files indicated Bell Novelty Co., 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, had made over 300 unsolicited inquiries to various firms around the country and he estimated that a total amount of \$150,000 worth of merchandise might be involved as a result of these inquiries. He said the usual inquiry took the form of a letter to a supplier of merchandise asking for open credit and listing two or three references. In addition, the letter might request catalogs and sales material or possibly sometimes includ a small beginning order.

[redacted] advised that one of his employees had gone to the vicinity of 12876 East Jefferson where he found a Geha Brothers Produce truck being loaded with merchandise from Bell Novelty Co., or from the two warehouse spaces rented by Bell Novelty Co., at 12884 and 12888 East Jefferson.

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The Dun and Bradstreet employee noted that this truck carried an Ontario license number [redacted] and Michigan license number [redacted]. The employee followed this loaded produce truck to the area of the Western Market where the truck was parked and left at which point the employee departed the scene.

[redacted] stated that the merchandise from Bell Novelty Co. was loaded into the Geha Brothers truck on the night of November 3, 1958, and the truck apparently remained overnight at the Western Market since it was still there on the following day. He said Geha Brothers is located at 2666 18th Street, Detroit.

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[redacted] said the above employee had gone to Bell Novelty Co. because [redacted] at 12876 East Jefferson, called them and told them the produce van was being loaded. Following this, [redacted] said that they then called Geha Brothers and asked for their ledger experience on Bell Novelty Co., but were informed by whomever answered the telephone that they did not know of Bell Novelty Co.

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[redacted] indicated that most of the orders from Bell Novelty Co. so far as they could determine, were signed by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that another firm on which there had been a number of unsolicited inquiries in the last 60 days was Marx Brothers Jewelry and Appliance, where from 150-200 such inquiries had been made.

[redacted] pointed out that Grant and Silverman were the same accountants for Bell Novelty Co., Marx Brothers Jewelry and Appliance and the now defunct Borders Sales Company.

[redacted] continued that he had also just received a communication from his Miami, Florida, Branch, which indicated that Riverside Distributing Co., 205 East 8th Street, Miami, was found to contain only \$800 worth of merchandise with no other apparent assets against which the creditors could proceed.

[redacted] did not know the amount of merchandise which might be missing and on which the creditors might sustain losses.

[redacted] said that his Miami Office indicated that [redacted] was actually the power behind the Miami operation of Riverside Distributing Co. According to [redacted] Riverside Distributing Co. hired [redacted] a Certified Public Accountant, and then issued a statement without his knowledge, using his forged signature. [redacted] did not know whether this statement had been widely distributed, possibly making use of the mails, or whether it was furnished to Dun and Bradstreet representatives in Miami.

According to the report [redacted] had received, an individual named [redacted] age [redacted] was still at the premises of Riverside Distributing Co. and apparently had made admissions to Dun and Bradstreet that the signature of [redacted] was forged on the statement of Riverside Distributing Co.

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According to [redacted] had used the name Mr. [redacted] while in Miami.

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[redacted] added that the address for [redacted]
[redacted] the above individual, was [redacted]
[redacted] California.

[redacted] stated the information furnished to him gave no indication of where the merchandise in this matter had gone. In addition, [redacted] stated that a possible silent partner in the Riverside operation is [redacted]
[redacted] who handled drugs and sundries and had an address of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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[redacted] advised on November 10, 1958, that the following companies had also been brought to the attention of Dun and Bradstreet as having made a number of unsolicited inquiries around the country with the possibility of a large build up of purchases:

[redacted] Canadian Sales Company
Montreal, Canada

Globe Home Supply and Household
4432 Frankford
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Coby Sales and Distributing Co.
Rochester, New York

R & B Premium Sales
St. Paul, Minnesota

[redacted]
Boynton Beach, Florida

Mad House Auction Distributors Co.
Fords, New Jersey

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In response to inquiry made of [redacted] by SA(A)
[redacted] [redacted] advised that the Craven Candy Company, 1562 Milwaukee, Chicago, Illinois, had operated under that style since 1925 and the principals involved were [redacted] assisted by [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated that he had received only three past due notices from mercantile firms around the country with regard to Bell Novelty Co., but he stated that generally the merchants endeavored to collect their own past due accounts before turning them over to Dun and Bradstreet and there was a definite possibility of numerous past due accounts; all of which information would not have been furnished to Dun and Bradstreet as yet.

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[redacted] stated that his records disclosed no information as to a Harding Sales, either in Detroit, Michigan, or Chicago, Illinois.

In addition, [redacted] checked his records and ascertained that Denver Novelty Co. was an old established firm but he had no details as to its operation.

[redacted] stated that his records also showed that [redacted] one of [redacted] in Geha's Produce Business, at one time, had an interest in Lujac's Beef Buffet, 18280 Livernois, but the chattel mortgage and assets of this business were assumed by [redacted] on March 20, 1958, and that business was now operated under the style Tony's Beef Buffet. Also shown as partners with [redacted] in Lujac's Beef Buffet were [redacted] and [redacted]

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According to [redacted] records, [redacted] also operated a grocery in Windsor, Canada, and was the sole proprietor of Midwest Produce in Detroit.

On November 12, 1958, [redacted]

[redacted] United States Post Office, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was unable to find a forwarding address for a [redacted] Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] also checked with the mail carrier who covers that address but the carrier indicated he had no knowledge of [redacted]

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Michigan, advised that [redacted] Detroit,
at 12876 East Jefferson, presently rented by Bell Novelty
Company. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] and [redacted]

Bell Novelty Company. [redacted] related that he usually handles contacts with Bell Novelty Company in regard to rentals and they are presently in arrears as to the rent for November. [redacted] said that the lease for the premises expired on August 1, 1958, and there had been no renewal. He continued that on November 5, 1958, he gave [redacted] who signed the original lease, seven days notice to quit the premises for non-payment of rent.

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[redacted] advised that in approximately August, 1957, [redacted], a man known to him as [redacted], and another man, known to him as [redacted] all talked to him regarding the original lease. In addition there was another man whom he knew only as the [redacted] [redacted] who was around the premises for about two or three months, and then [redacted] did not see this individual around any more. [redacted] said that [redacted] had not been active at the premises for about a year, and [redacted] told him that [redacted] was in Chicago. However, [redacted] stated that two or three days ago, he thought he saw [redacted] talking to someone at Bell Novelty Company. [redacted] said that he went down to talk about the rent, and asked for [redacted] but [redacted] told him [redacted] was busy. [redacted] related that [redacted] was on the phone talking to some unidentified party and said something to the effect that they could put \$150,000.00 worth of merchandise in a building which was not identified further, and it "would go over big". [redacted] indicated that [redacted] appeared to be on the phone, too, and said that they could sell at a big discount.

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[redacted] was shown a number of photographs and picked out the photograph of [redacted] taken October 6, 1958, as being very similar to the appearance of the man known to him as [redacted] although he pointed out that [redacted] has one eye which appears to be bad. [redacted] picked out the photograph of [redacted], taken April 5, 1956, as identical with the man known to him as [redacted]

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[redacted] said that a black [redacted]
[redacted] appeared to belong to [redacted] who worked at the address
every day. He advised that [redacted] drives a light
green [redacted] and this car is often in front of Bell
Novelty Company. He indicated that [redacted] formerly drove
a [redacted] which reportedly was in an accident. [redacted]
stated that the building occupied by Bell Novelty Company
was 40 by 80 feet in size, and he estimated that the two
warehouse spaces nearby together would be approximately
the same size.

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[redacted] remembered that he had seen a panel
truck of Bizon Sales parked in the rear of Bell Novelty
Company about two or three times since they had occupied
the premises at 12876 East Jefferson. [redacted] indicated that
on Monday, November 3, 1958, between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM,
he noticed a Geha produce truck being loaded with merchandise
at Bell Novelty Company and notified Dun and Bradstreet, who
had been in touch with him about Bell Novelty Company.

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[redacted] said that he had talked with Mr. [redacted] of Dun and
Bradstreet, and had engaged Mr. CARL T. STORM, Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] to help him in ousting Bell Novelty Company from
the premises at 12876 East Jefferson. [redacted] advised that he had
been charging them \$200.00 per month rent, but he felt that
this amount was not sufficient and the rental was being
increased to \$250.00 per month.

[redacted] stated that there had been a great
increase of freight being delivered at Bell Novelty Company
in the past month to month and a half, and the volume of
merchandise appeared to be considerably larger than that
received prior to Christmas of 1957.

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[redacted] indicated that he had been a student in
[redacted] at the [redacted], but
was not in school at present. He said he would be a [redacted]
when he returns to college to finish his degree.

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)
FROM : SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/24/58
DICTATED: 11/10/58

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On the evening of November 6, 1958, from 8:24 PM to 10:47 PM, SA(A) [REDACTED] and SA(A) JOHN D. FUSELIER observed the premises of Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. A man was observed in Bell Novelty Company, who was identified by SA(A) FUSELIER from photographs as being [REDACTED]. Another man, who was observed in Bell Novelty Company and in their warehouse space at 12884 East Jefferson, was identified by SA(A) FUSELIER from a description furnished by [REDACTED] and from a photograph of [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] and SA(A) FUSELIER noted that this [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] in diameter, was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had a bad eye, and SA(A) FUSELIER noted that [REDACTED] eye appeared to droop slightly and maybe somewhat crossed.

A few people entered the retail store of Bell Novelty Company, but no other activity of interest was noted. The above individuals were observed by SA(A) [REDACTED] from across East Jefferson Street; [REDACTED] being a much smaller man and [REDACTED] being a slender, taller man.

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On November 7, 1958, [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was the owner of the two building spaces located at 12884 and 12888 East Jefferson, Detroit, and these spaces were rented to Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, as warehouses. [redacted] said that he did not spend much time in the neighborhood of these two addresses on East Jefferson, but [redacted] took care of the above two spaces for him as well as acting as [redacted] of the apartment house in which [redacted] lives at [redacted] around the corner. [redacted] said that he had not observed any activities on the part of employees of Bell Novelty Company since he lived away from the area.

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On November 10, 1958, [redacted] advised that he had just received the rent from Bell Novelty Company and for about ten minutes while he was in the office of Bell Novelty Company, a tall young fellow was on the phone talking to Brooklyn, New York, apparently ordering merchandise.

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[redacted] displayed the rental check in the amount of \$150.00, drawn on The Michigan Bank, 6, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, signed [redacted] with "November rent" written on the back of the check. [redacted] said that he had asked [redacted] to write this on the check so there would be no question about the purpose of the check. It was observed that the check was dated November 14, 1958.

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[redacted] Michigan
 Tri-State Motor Express, Inc., 12722 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, produced two freight bills in connection with freight picked up by their trucks from Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan, and from the warehouse space of Bell Novelty Company on November 7, 1958.

Freight Bill #B150623, dated November 7, 1958, was consigned from Harding Sales, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan, to Harding c/o Craven and Sons, 1562 North Milwaukee, Chicago, Illinois. This was for a load of miscellaneous merchandise, weight 20,000 pounds, seal #2144. This load was taken to Chicago on trailer #577, pulled by tractor #812. The driver was [redacted] according to the Freight Bill.

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Freight Bill #150622, dated November 7, 1958, with the same shipper and consignee, was for a load of miscellaneous merchandise, weight 20,000 pounds, seal #2155. This load was hauled on trailer #621, pulled by tractor #817. The driver was [redacted] according to the Freight Bill.

[redacted] indicated that the principal office of his company was in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He advised that the above two loads would be delivered in Chicago on the morning of November 10, 1958.

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[redacted] Michigan Tri-State
Motor Express, Inc., 12722 Michigan, Dearborn, Michigan, advised
that on November 7, 1958, he drove an empty trailer to Bell
Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. There
he picked up a full trailer of merchandise freight and left the
empty trailer for [redacted] to finish loading. [redacted]
[redacted] said he did not remain but a short while at the East Jefferson
address and was not acquainted with the type of merchandise or
the individuals concerned with the loading of the Michigan
Tri-State trailers. He stated that he then drove the first
loaded trailer back to the Michigan Tri-State terminal in
Dearborn. [redacted] understood that the merchandise was consigned
to Chicago, but was not certain of the details of the shipments
without referring to the Freight Bills.

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[redacted] Michigan
 Tri-State Motor Express, Inc., 12722 Michigan, Dearborn, Michigan, advised that on Friday, November 7, 1958, he went to 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan, where Bell Novelty Company is located, to pick up a load of freight. He related that he took over one trailer and when that one was loaded [redacted] brought over an empty trailer and drove the first loaded trailer back to the truck terminal in Dearborn. [redacted] said that he remained and helped load the second trailer which he then drove back to the Dearborn terminal. [redacted] stated that an individual, known only to him as [redacted] appeared to be in charge of the loading.

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[redacted] stated that when he first arrived in the alley at the back of the East Jefferson address, he noted upon entering the store that another truck had just unloaded some merchandise and it appeared that the merchandise just unloaded was placed in the Michigan Tri-State trailer also. [redacted] advised that [redacted] seemed in a great hurry to get the merchandise out and wanted to be sure that the merchandise would be in Chicago on Monday morning, November 10, 1958. [redacted] stated that he noticed a young Negro man was cutting the labels off the cartons being loaded in the trailer, and the Negro man told him that he had orders to cut all the labels off.

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[redacted] estimated that after both of the Michigan Tri-State trailers were loaded there was not more than half a trailer of merchandise remaining in both the store and warehouses of Bell Novelty Company. [redacted] was told that they might want two or three more trailers on Monday, November 10, 1958. [redacted] advised that he did not know to whom the cartons of merchandise had been first directed since the labels were cut off, but he did notice the name, Denver Novelty Company, stenciled on several cartons of toy drums. [redacted] indicated that the above loads of merchandise were consigned from Harding Sales, 12876 East Jefferson, to Harding c/o Craven and Sons, Chicago, Illinois.

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Mrs. [redacted] Michigan Tri-State Motor Express, Inc., 12722 Michigan, Dearborn, Michigan, on November 10, 1958, advised that on November 7, 1958, she received a phone call from a Mr. [redacted] who wanted a trailer as soon as possible to pick up freight at 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. This phone call, according to Mrs. [redacted] was received at about 2:30 PM. She said that she dispatched [redacted] to this address with a trailer, and when this first trailer was loaded, she sent [redacted] over with a second trailer. [redacted] then brought the first loaded trailer back to the truck terminal at 12722 Michigan, Dearborn. [redacted] later brought the second loaded trailer back to the same truck terminal, from whence they were driven to Chicago by other drivers. Mrs. [redacted] indicated that these loads were the ones referred to in Freight Bills #B150623 and B150622, consigned from Harding Sales, 12876 East Jefferson, to Harding c/o Craven and Sons, 1562 North Milwaukee, Chicago, Illinois.

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On November 14, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] advised that on November 13, 1958, she had received another phone call from the man identifying himself as Mr. [redacted] and had inquired as to whether there had been any trouble with the loads and whether anybody had asked questions about the loads shipped out on November 7, 1958. She informed him that there had been no inquiries and assured him that their drivers going to Chicago were entirely reliable.

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Mrs. [redacted] continued that [redacted] then requested another trailer which had been sent to the same address of 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit. She said, however, that after the trailer was partially loaded, one of the men at the above address had an argument over the phone with someone in Chicago about who was to pay for the load; and then the trailer was completely unloaded and the Michigan Tri-State driver returned to the truck terminal in Dearborn. She advised that their driver was at the East Jefferson address from about 4:30 or 4:45 PM, until he returned to the Dearborn terminal about 12:37 AM, November 14, 1958.

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 on 11/10 & 14/58 at Dearborn, Michigan Date dictated 11/14/58
 by Special Agents [redacted] (A) and JOHN D. FUSELIER (A)/ec

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telephone [redacted] Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] advised that he is [redacted] for the premises at 12884 and 12888 East Jefferson, Detroit, which premises are presently used as warehouse space by Bell Novelty Company. [redacted] said that he had become suspicious of the occupants of Bell Novelty Company and had observed a number of time in the past that the same large truck with a Michigan license would come to the vicinity of Bell Novelty Company and wait until it was dark before loading up with merchandise from Bell Novelty Company or the warehouse spaces occupied by Bell Novelty Company. [redacted] recalled that this truck bore a four letter name, and it was his recollection that it was a Ford truck with a closed body. When the name Geha Brothers was mentioned to [redacted] he then stated that he felt certain that the name on the truck was Geha. [redacted] indicated that the above truck for a while was coming in for merchandise about two or three times a week, but at the time of this interview, he stated that the last time he saw the truck was about a week ago.

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[redacted] advised that many other trucks delivered cartons to Bell Novelty Company, but there were usually only a dozen or so packages of freight delivered at any one time by a single truck. He continued that [redacted]

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[redacted] the back of the warehouse space occupied by Bell Novelty Company and he had noticed individuals whom he believed to be employees of Bell Novelty Company cutting off the labels from cartons and throwing these labels into a box. [redacted] stated that the box was not left in the warehouse space, but was taken into the Bell Novelty Company when the employees left the warehouse space.

[redacted] said that he had further observed that when the rubbish truck came through the alley on Wednesday someone from Bell Novelty Company would take what appeared to be the box of labels and other trash out to the rubbish truck and personally dump the contents into the truck or possibly place the box or boxes of trash directly into the rubbish

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truck. [redacted] indicated that he had noticed three individuals, who appeared to be employed in a laboring capacity for Bell Novelty Company, and these individuals were generally the ones who would cut the labels off the cartons. [redacted] said that two of these were Negro men and one was a white man.

With regard to the above Geha truck, [redacted] added that he believed it was a fruit truck, and the truck bore a circle with the name Geha going through the circle.

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)
FROM : SA(A) [redacted]
SUBJECT: [redacted]
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DATE: 11/24/58
DICTATED: 11/17/58

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On November 12, 1958, SA(A) [redacted] contacted [redacted] and [redacted] Sanitation Division, Department of Public Works, Detroit, Michigan, and ascertained that the trash from the alley in back of 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, would be picked up that date between 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM. Arrangements were made with [redacted] Sanitation Division, Department of Public Works, to pick up the trash from Bell Novelty Company at the above address, and without loading it in with the other trash, leave the alley, and turn the trash over to SA(A) [redacted] who would be waiting about 3/4 of a block away on Emerson Street.

[redacted] was aware that the occupants of Bell Novelty Company usually brought their own trash out to the truck and placed it in the truck themselves. After picking up the Bell Novelty Company trash, [redacted] drove Sanitation Division truck #513734 around to the location of SA(A) [redacted] where the segregated trash of Bell Novelty Company was then transferred at 12:26 PM to a Government automobile driven by SA(A) [redacted]. This trash was taken to the Federal Building and pertinent invoices, labels apparently cut off of cartons, and any notes or papers with names or addresses on them were placed in a carton as a bulky exhibit. The above alley in back of Bell Novelty Company runs from Continental Street to Emerson Street, and the address of 12876 is on the south side of East Jefferson Street. No labels were noted for Scanlon Radio and Music, and none of the trash contained reference to [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] Sanitation Division, Department of Public Works, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was acquainted with the collection of trash from the alley in back of the address of 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, which address is occupied by Bell Novelty Company. He said that the occupants of this address usually bring their own trash out to the rubbish truck and place it in the truck themselves. He indicated that sometimes they just dump trash from boxes into the truck and sometimes they place cartons of trash in the truck.

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On November 12, 1958, [redacted] advised that they dumped some trash in the back of the rubbish truck and also placed some cartons of trash in the truck. [redacted] advised that he mechanically loaded the rubbish truck before picking up the Bell Novelty Company trash, thus forcing all previous trash into the truck and after picking up the Bell Novelty Company trash, he did not load the truck but left the Bell Novelty Company trash in the loading compartment at the back of the rubbish truck. He said that he then drove directly around on Emerson Street and turned the trash over to SA(A) [redacted] the trash being placed in an automobile driven by SA(A) [redacted] [redacted] stated that he resided at [redacted] Detroit.

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by Special Agent (A) [redacted] /ec

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185) DATE: December 8, 1958

FROM : SA(A) [redacted] Dictated: 11/28/58

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka. -

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On November 24, 1958, pursuant to a phone call from Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, SA(A) proceeded to the vicinity of Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, where it was observed that a Fruehauf trailer, light grey metal, was parked in the alley in back of the warehouse spaces occupied by Bell Novelty Company at 12884 and 12888 East Jefferson. No license was visible from the west end of this alley running between Continental and Emerson Streets, and no name of the trucking company could be observed from that point.

Physical surveillance was started at 2:12 p.m. from [redacted] [redacted] The [redacted] in which he resides is at [redacted] This apartment had [redacted] the trailer itself. The trailer bore number 123, and the rear doors were open [redacted]. Cardboard cartons were being put into the truck and onto the tailgate by two Negro men. A young man, age 19-21, was inside the trailer stacking the cartons. This individual had the following description:

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| Race | White, possibly of Italian descent |
| Sex | Male |

Age

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Weight

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Scars and marks

Peculiarities

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There was no tractor in the alley and the cartons appeared to be coming from the warehouse spaces. SA(A) [redacted] left [redacted] and observed a 1958 Cadillac parked on East Jefferson, facing east, near the corner of Emerson and East Jefferson. The Cadillac engine was running and two men inside were conversing. The Cadillac bore Illinois license [redacted] and upon the approach of SA(A) [redacted] the Cadillac pulled away from the curb and turned left off of East Jefferson at the next street. SA(A) [redacted] walked east through the alley in back of Bell Novelty Company and noted that the left rear door of the trailer bore Michigan license [redacted] a 1958 license. No one was observed at the trailer for the moment.

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After returning to [redacted] a few cartons were being loaded on which could be observed the names of the following firms. It could not be seen to whom these cartons were addressed:

Lindburg Company (blue background, white letters), address not seen, circle with name through it on side of carton, rectangle with name on it on end of carton.

Knickerbocker Plastic Company, _____ No. Hollywood, California, red letters, larger cartons, six or more cartons.

Hawk Model Company, _____ No. Carolina Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

At 3:56 p.m. the trailer doors were closed and it was noted that the trailer bore the lettering, ICC MC 109533. An old faded name was barely visible on the two doors. It appeared to have been OVERNITE, and the hinges on the trailer appeared to be rusty.

At approximately 8:32 p.m. a dull red tractor pulled into the east end of the alley, drove down to the trailer, and backed up to it. This tractor and trailer pulled out of the alley at 8:47 p.m. and proceeded west on East Jefferson. At approximately 9:25 p.m. this same truck and trailer passed through the weight station and United States Customs and proceeded across the Ambassador Bridge towards the Canadian side. After contact with the United States Customs no further effort was made to surveil the above tractor and trailer. En route to the Ambassador Bridge it was noted that the tractor bore the name Canada Storage Co. Ltd. on the left door of the cab, but the license of the tractor was not secured.

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On November 25, 1958, SA(A) [redacted]
contacted Corporal [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted], with regard to the load of toys and miscellaneous merchandise transported from Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan, across the Ambassador Bridge on November 24, 1958, consigned to Bonus Specialty Company, Windsor. They did not have any information with regard to Bell Novelty or the other principals in this matter and said that there would not appear to be a violation of [redacted] since [redacted] of Bonus Specialty Company was known to them as a businessman in Windsor with an interest in several different business ventures. [redacted] accompanied SA(A) [redacted] in the interview with [redacted] Mason's Brokerage Limited, 544 Goyeau Street, Windsor, the results of which are set forth separately.

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Inspector [redacted] United States Customs, Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, advised that a Shipper's Export Declaration was filed on November 24, 1958, for 668 cartons of toys and decorations, with a declared value of \$5,198 to the nearest whole dollar. This form listed the exporter as Bonus Specialty Company, Detroit, Michigan, to the ultimate consignee Bonus Specialty Company, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The place and country of ultimate destination was also given as Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The signature of a duly authorized officer of Bonus Specialty Company appeared to be [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted Canadian Customs and ascertained that this trailer, number 123 of Parent Cartage Company, would be held in the Canadian Customs compound until the next day for clearance through customs. [redacted] made available a copy of the above Shipper's Export Declaration.

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[redacted] Mason's Brokerage Limited, 544 Goyeau Street, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, advised that his firm was handling the customs for a load of toys and miscellaneous merchandise sold by Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan, to Bonus Specialty Company, 385 Salter Street, Windsor. [redacted] records showed that this load had been transported across the Ambassador Bridge to Canada on November 24, 1958, by Parent Cartage Company. [redacted] advised that the Canadian principals of Bonus Specialty Company were [redacted] and [redacted] also known as [redacted]. [redacted] indicated that he recalled [redacted] being involved in the Bonnie-Belle bankruptcy in Windsor, which had to do with trading stamps. For this reason he stated that he would not have handled the load except for [redacted], who was interested in a number of business ventures in Windsor and whom he knew to be financially responsible. [redacted] checked the Windsor telephone directory, effective November 3, 1957, which had a listing for [redacted] Scrap Metal, 1527 Crawford, Windsor, phone Clearwater 3-3103.

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by Special Agent (A) [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] Canadian Customs, Ambassador Bridge, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, advised that a load of toys and decorations was brought across the Ambassador Bridge on November 24, 1958, with the delivering carrier being Parent Cartage Company. [redacted] advised that Canada Storage Company, Limited, was closely related to Parent Cartage Company, Limited, which had addresses of 1112 Dufferin Place and 889 Ellesmere Avenue in Windsor.

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[redacted] said that Masons Brokerage, Limited, would handle the customs papers and would furnish invoices signed by the selling company in the United States. [redacted] displayed Customs Manifest number R088047, which referred to waybill number 32741A, and showed a declared value of \$5,197.74, relating to the above load of merchandise. [redacted] advised that when he contacted the dock representative of Parent Cartage Company as to the exact address of Bonus Specialty Company in Windsor, he was advised that the trucking company did not know the exact address to which the load would be taken after clearance. At this point [redacted] could advise only that Bonus Specialty Company was both the consignor and consignee for the above shipment, but complete papers would be filed later by Masons Brokerage, Limited.

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Canadian Customs, Ambassador Bridge, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, advised that two men had contacted him on November 25, 1958, and had identified themselves as [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] indicating that they would pick up the load of toys and decorations presently being held in the Canadian Customs. [redacted] said that this was the load brought across the Ambassador Bridge to Canada on the evening of November 24, 1958, in a Parent Cartage Company trailer, purchased from Bell Novelty Company, Detroit, Michigan, and consigned to Bonus Specialty Company, Windsor. [redacted] advised that the above two individuals told him that they had not secured a place yet, but were looking for a store outlet so the merchandise could be sold during the Christmas period. They told him that if they could not find an address, they would store the merchandise at 1527 Crawford Avenue, Windsor, and they could be reached through Windsor, phone number CL 3-3103.

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[redacted] made available invoices signed by [redacted] for the selling company, Bell Novelty Company, 12876 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan. These are not actual individual invoices from vendors, but are quantities, prices, descriptions and extensions for the items comprising the above load and having a total value of \$5,197.74. [redacted] advised that this would be the wholesale value paid to Bell Novelty Company by Bonus Specialty Company. The invoices listed various toys, decorations, television tables, plastic waste baskets, 24 dozen Linburgh model toys, and other miscellaneous merchandise. The total American value of \$5,197.74, less the 3% currency differential of \$155.93, left a Canadian valuation of \$5,041.81. This load was consigned to Bonus Specialty Company, 385 Salter Street, Windsor, Ontario.

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[redacted] [redacted]
Dun and Bradstreet, 1100 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, Michigan,
on November 26, 1958, advised SA(A) [redacted] [redacted] that
a judgment against Bell Novelty Company had been secured by
[redacted] at 12876 East Jefferson, regarding
back rent owed by Bell.

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[redacted] continued that on the same date the [redacted]
[redacted] the warehouse space
utilized by Bell Novelty Company at 12884 and 12888 East
Jefferson, also instituted court proceedings with regard
to rent owed to him. It was [redacted] understanding that
a check given by Bell Novelty Company to [redacted] had not
been good.

[redacted] related that while he was out of the
office on November 25, 1958, [redacted] of
the Bell Novelty Company, voluntarily appeared at the office
of Dun and Bradstreet. [redacted] indicated that his creditors
were nervous and that he himself had been worrying almost
to the point of an ulcer about his financial situation.

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[redacted] complained mildly about the Dun and Bradstreet
reports which he said were "tough". He explained to Dun
and Bradstreet that the check payable to [redacted] had not
been good because his bank account was attached by another
creditor. [redacted] indicated that he had two upstate salesmen
in Michigan and four local salesmen. When queried as to
whether or not he did business in Ohio or Illinois, [redacted]
denied that they made sales in other States, averring that
their sales work in Michigan kept them fully occupied.

During the interview [redacted] appeared to be nervous
and agitated and complained that he felt sick to his stomach.
The Dun and Bradstreet representatives told [redacted] that
[redacted] stared blankly at the wall a good part of the time,
speaking in a monotone voice. [redacted] indicated that one
of the reasons for his financial difficulties was the fact
that he was having to give longer terms of credit to his
own customers with a resultant slowness of collections.

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[redacted] advised that someone at Bruce Novelty Company, a competitor of Bell Novelty, said that Bell was undercutting prices and giving ridiculous deals; and it was gossip in the trade that Bell would be going broke by February, 1959. [redacted] said that the only specific fact set forth in the Dun and Bradstreet reports which [redacted] contradicted was one regarding the death of OSCAR SCHWARTZ, formerly [redacted]. According to [redacted] report, SCHWARTZ died in May, 1958, but [redacted] stated his date of death was November, 1957.

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[redacted] continued that to that date, following a canvass of about 300 subscribers of Dun and Bradstreet, they had received 75 replies regarding Bell Novelty Company. Thirty-five had refused credit, 28 indicated no payment experience, and 12 of the 75 indicated that the Bell Novelty account was past due from 30 to 60 days.

On November 28, 1958, Mr. [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that no file was located in his records that was identical with [redacted] of Windsor, Canada, reportedly associated with Bonus Specialty Company.

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[redacted] said that the bank account of Bell Novelty Company at The Michigan Bank, Grosse Pointe, was attached by Lubick Watch Company, which may have resulted in the check to [redacted] being bad. [redacted] said that this account was released from garnishment on November 15, 1958, and the bank had indicated to them that the account generally ran in the neighborhood of \$500.00 and had never exceeded \$800.00.

[redacted] advised that he had heard Patterson Novelty Company, 405 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, might also be associated with Bell. He indicated that [redacted] was possibly related through marriage to [redacted] or [redacted] said that Patterson Novelty Company started business in 1920 with the present control being assumed in 1950 and the title style being registered on April 17, 1957.

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[redacted] advised that through his Windsor office he had determined that the address at 385 Salter in Windsor was occupied by the Cohen Box Company, V. H. Metal Products Company, and a trucking company, the name of which he had not secured.

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[redacted] stated that one of his men was told by [redacted] that [redacted] mentioned to her that arrangements were already made for Bell Novelty Company to move their business to a building on Warren near McDougall in Detroit. [redacted] said there reportedly was a truck dock at that location.

[redacted] advised that the above information had been secured by him from [redacted] Dun and Bradstreet, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. [redacted] also told [redacted] that two months ago approximately three young men from California came to Windsor, and a local attorney drew up partnership papers for them. These young men gave 2141 University in Windsor as their business address. This address is also the business address of JESS BERON. In addition, they gave as a residence address a number on [redacted] in Windsor.

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These individuals then proceeded to Nova Scotia, where they opened a store handling a general line of small appliances and reportedly underselling local competition. [redacted] recalled that the young men were rather boastful, telling of the good deals they could make and the merchandise which they could purchase at a low price.

[redacted] advised that the largest claim which has been made against Bell Novelty Company was a \$1,400.00 claim from New Haven, Connecticut, being handled by [redacted] an attorney with Darden and Bonk, 3066 Penobscot Building, Detroit.

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On December 4, 1958, [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] that he had determined the company which was started in Nova Scotia was General Wholesale Distributors of Canada,

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213 Charlotte Street, Sidney, Nova Scotia, Canada. In addition, this company opened a branch at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, on Commercial Street.

Two of the young men were [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted] age [redacted] who were registered as partners. According to [redacted] their previous experience consisted mostly of employment in loan offices and discount houses.

[redacted] advised it had been reported to them on December 2, 1958, that another truckload of merchandise was hauled away from Bell Novelty Company. This reportedly was a Trans-American truck, either with blue and orange or blue and red coloring.

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[redacted] continued that the Craven Candy Company, Chicago, Illinois, was reportedly now entering the general merchandise line after 33 years of handling candy.

[redacted] advised that his Chicago office had informed him that there appeared to be some recent change in ownership and someone else might be coming into the business.

[redacted] advised that as of this date there had been a total of about 10 or 12 claims placed with the collection department of Dun and Bradstreet against Bell Novelty Company. He said that inquiries from their subscribers regarding Bell Novelty Company had definitely tapered off.

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[redacted] related that on December 2, 1958, [redacted] had settled his back rent owing to [redacted] and [redacted] by paying cash and bringing the rent up to November 30, 1958. In addition, [redacted] said that [redacted] reportedly was talking vaguely of renewing his lease at 12876 East Jefferson.

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